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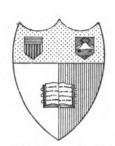
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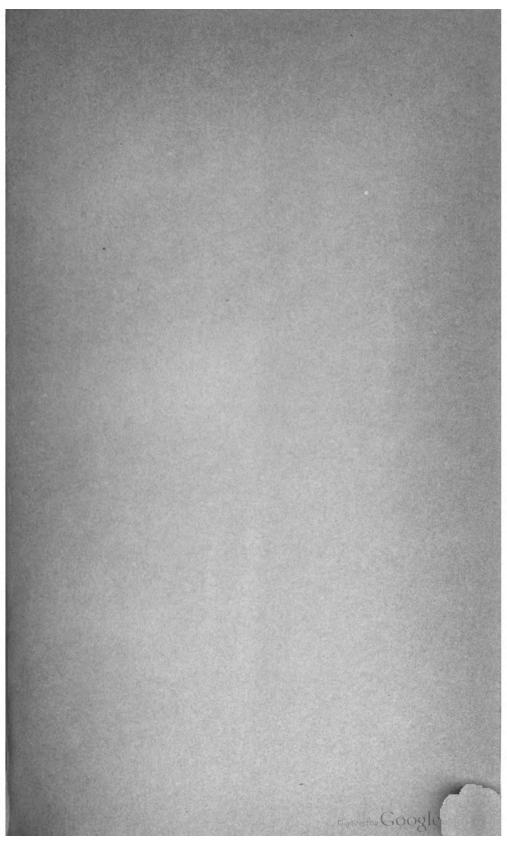
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# STATED MEETING-December 11, 1860.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 11th, A. D. 1860, R. A. M. 2393.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.
  - " Solon Thornton, D. G. High Priest.
  - " Sylvester Baxter, Grand King.
  - " George Sherwin, Grand Scribe.
  - E. Charles C. Dame, G. Captain of the Host.
  - " James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
  - " Eben W. Lothrop, G. Royal Arch Captain.
  - " Daniel Grant, Jr., G. Master 3d Veil.
  - " J. K. Baker, Jr., G. Master 2d Veil.
  - " John McClellan, G. Master 1st Veil.
  - Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
  - " Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - " E. H. Broad, Senior G. Steward.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Robert Keith, A. A. Dame, Winslow Lewis, Samuel Millard, T. Tolman, E. W. Tolman, I. P. Seavey, H. Goddard, Joseph Bedlow.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

- St. Andrew's, Washington, Franklin, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, Mount Lebanon, Concord, St. John's, Shekinah, Orient, and Berkshire.
- M. E. Winslow Lewis offered the following remarks and resolutions, which having been read, were unanimously adopted:—

To those who here in this changing world, where the consistent in good throughout life are so few and the inconstant so many, it is an imperious duty where all through a long life has been well fulfilled, that every homage which can be paid to such departed worth should be rendered. This, though it cannot reach the grave, where such tribute cannot soothe the "dull cold ear of death," can appeal most loudly and audibly to the living, teaching them that though the paths of glory lead but to the tomb, still that there are glories garnered in our mortal existence which never fade; that the virtuous life will have its impress, when the frail body is no more; that the memory of the just is blessed, and shall forever flourish in immortal green.

One of our number, having well fulfilled, as we firmly trust and believe, his duties on earth, has lately left us for brighter worlds. Let the records of this Grand Chapter be honored by inscribing thereon the virtues of the venerable and venerated Companion, the Rev. Paul Dean, who departed this life at Framingham, Oct. 1st, 1860, in the 77th year of his age. Attacked without any premonitions with universal paralysis, he passed upward to his God, suddenly, but not unprepared.

"Thus with no fiery, throbbing pain;
No cold gradations of decay,
Death broke at once the vital chain
And sped his soul the nearest way."

R. W. Rev. Paul Dean was born in Barnard, Windsor County, Vermont, March 28th, A. L. 5783. He passed his youth in agricultural labor, in attending common schools, in academic and biblical studies, and in school teaching. In the year 5806 he commenced the Christian Ministry at Montpelier, Vermont; from thence, in 5810, he removed to New Hartford, N. Y., and in 5813 he came to reside in Boston. He was for many years the pastor of the first Universalist

Church in this city, and subsequently was settled over the Bulfinch Street Church, where he officiated for a considerable time. Of late years he has resided at Framingham. He early became a life member of the American Bible Society, and of the American Colonization Society.

This faithful brother in the Christian Church has ever been a most devoted and earnest member of our Order. His published addresses, which are numerous, bear the impress of a mind which realized the importance and the excellent tendency of Masonic principles; there is a fervency of attachment to its teachings, which, emanating from so good, so true a Brother, was strongly instrumental in sustaining them when such support was so much needed; it cheered the wavering, it rebuked the vacillating, it crushed the demon of its opposition; and perhaps it is not too eulogistic to assert, that the name of Paul Dean will stand second to none on the roll of that fame due to those who dared to combat for the right, at a period when courage and constancy among Masons were in the minority. He periled all for truth, it prevailed, and, under the vine and the fig tree of its revival, resumption and diffusion, he was permitted to enjoy the results of the long continued contest and final victory.

The activity of his Masonic career may be deduced by an enumeration of the various bodies with which he was associated; and this was not like so many others, a mere titular association. He worked while his day lasted; what he deemed good in principle he followed by action.

Brother Dean was initiated, passed and raised in Centre Lodge, No. 6, at E. Rutland, Vt., during the winter of 5805. He received the Chapter degrees in Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, No. 7, at New Hartford, N. Y., in 5811. The degrees of Royal and Select Master and the Templar degrees were conferred in Boston. He was admitted to Honorary Membership in Columbian Lodge, April 4th, 1816, and officiated as their Chaplain eleven years. He has served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge; District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Masonic District in 1821, '22 and '23; Deputy Grand Master in 1835, '36 and '37, and Grand Master in 1838, '39 and '40. He held membership in St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, in the Grand Chapter, in the Convention of High Priests, in the General Grand R. A Chapter of the United States, in the Boston Encampment, and in the General Grand Encampment of the United States; -served as Prelate in the General Grand Encampment; in the General Grand Chapter as Chaplain. Grand King, and High Priest; in the Grand Council of Royal and

Select Masters for Massachusetts as M. I. Grand Master; in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts as Deputy and Grand High Priest; in the Convention of High Priests as President, and in St. Paul's Chapter, in 1818, '19 and '20, as High Priest.

Did old age bring with its decrepitudes any relaxation of his interest? To him none. When in the city, his feeble frame would be seen gaining these halls, to meet in this sanctum of his social affections his dear Companions,—

"To feel in wintery age the same As when first in youth he loved."

He shrunk not from ascending these hights, and his last visits on earth were here on this Pisgah, to look on the fair, the ample fields of the Order.

Resolved, That the institution of Royal Arch Masonry in these United States, and more especially the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and St. Paul's Chapter, have lost by the decease of their beloved Companion, the late Rev. Paul Dean, one of the most active, efficient and venerated of their members.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Chapter cherish the memory of this good Companion as of one, who ever let his Masonic light and character so shine, as to serve as a guide and exemplar to those who would follow in the paths of rectitude and truth; that though these paths may be obscured and error tempt to mislead, still that the light of good principles will surely conduct to respect and affection here, and a certain reward of bliss hereafter.

Resolved, That in tendering our sympathies to the family who have lost their "guide, philosopher and friend," we would assure them, if such assurance to them is necessary, that their venerable relative, whose life was devoted to God, in his attachment to, and zeal for, our Order, but carried out those principles and actions which are enjoined by the great Father of all, and that Freemasonry and Religion are inseparable.

M. E. Comp. Thornton, in behalf of the Committee to revise the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, submitted a Report, recommending several alterations and amendments to the same. The Report was read, and it was voted that it be laid over to the next Stated Meeting of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Grand Secretary cause the Amendments recommended by the Committee to be printed and forwarded to all the Chapters under the jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter was closed without ceremony, and the members, by invitation, visited St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, then in session in the adjoining Hall.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

# STATED MEETING-MARCH 12, 1861.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 12, A. D. 1861.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.
  - " Solon Thornton, Deputy G. High Priest.
  - " Sylvester Baxter, Grand King.
  - " George Sherwin, Grand Scribe.
  - E. Charles C. Dame, G. Capt. of the Host.
    - James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
  - " Eben W. Lothrop, G. Royal Arch Captain.
  - " Daniel Grant, Jr., G. Master 3d Veil.
  - " Daniel W. Tuttle, G. Master 2d Veil, p. t.
    - W. J. Merriam, G. Master 1st Veil, p. t.
  - "Robert Keith, Grand Treasurer, p. t.
  - " Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - " Rev. R. S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.
  - "Theodore H. Emmons, Grand Steward.
  - " William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

John McClellan, Wyzeman Marshall, E. W. Tolman, Samuel Millard, Winslow Lewis.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last Stated Meeting were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, Washington, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Thomas, Northampton, Concord, St. John's, Shekinah, and Orient.

The By-Laws of Morning Star Chapter, at Springfield, were presented for approval, and committed to M. E. Companions Marshall, Thornton and McClellan. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

## REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of Morning Star Chapter, of Springfield, have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend they be approved by this Grand Chapter.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL, SOLON THORNTON, JOHN McLELLAN, Committee

Boston, March 12, 1861.

The Report of the Committee on the Grand Constitution, submitted at the last Stated Meeting, was taken up, and after a slight amendment adopted.

The same Committee were authorized to cause a sufficient number of copies of the Grand Constitution, as amended, to be printed for the use of the Grand Chapter, with full power to revise the Ceremonies of Installation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reported, that during the past winter he had visited several of the subordinate Chapters in the western part of the Commonwealth, and found them in a flourishing condition.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

# STATED MEETING-June 11, 1861.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 11, A. D. 1861.

#### PRESENT.

M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.
Solon Thornton, Deputy G. High Priest
William W. Baker, Grand King, p. t.

" John McClellan, Grand Scribe, p. t.

- E. Charles C. Dame, G. Captain of the Host.
  - " James R. Gardner, Grand Principal Sojourner.
- " Eben. W. Lothrop, Grand R. A. Captain.
- " Daniel Grant, Jr., Grand Master 3d Veil.
- " C. Rowell, Grand Master 2d Veil, p. t.
- " William S. Shurtleff, Grand Master 1st Veil, p. t.
- "Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
- " R. S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.

# PERMANENT MEMBERS.

John B. Hammatt, A. A. Dame, E. W. Tolman, Henry Goddard.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form and the records of the last stated meeting read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Worcester, Chapter of the Shekinah, Orient, Key Stone, and Mount Sinai.

A communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, containing a list of its Officers for the current year, whereupon it was voted that the G. Secretary be directed to forward to the Grand Chapter of Canada, a copy of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Thornton, in behalf of the Committee appointed to revise the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, reported that the Committee had completed the duty assigned them, and that three hundred copies had been printed for the use of the Grand Chapter. The Report was unanimously accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Marshall, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Committee who had in charge the revision and printing of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, for the very acceptable manner in which they have discharged the duty devolving upon them.

On motion of M. E. Comp. McClellan,

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be granted to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

# ANNUAL MEETING-September 10, 1861.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 10, 1861.

#### PRESENT.

M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.

Solon Thornton, D. Grand High Priest.

" Sylvester Baxter, Grand King. George Sherwin, Grand Scribe.

E. Charles C. Dame, Grand Captain of the Host.

James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
Caleb Rand, Grand Royal Arch Captain, p. t.

"William F. Knowles, Grand Master 3d Veil, p. t. Frederick A. Pierce, Grand Master 2d Veil, p. t.

"Theodore H. Emmons, Grand Master 1st Veil, p. t.

" Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.

" Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretery.

" R. S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.

" William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

John McClellan, Samuel Millard, A. A. Dame, Robert Keith, E. W. Tolman, Wm. W. Baker.

The Grand Chapter was then opened in ample form, the records of the last meeting read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, Washington, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, Northampton, Concord, and Orient.

Voted, That the Dispensation of Mount Sinai Royal Arch Chapter, at Lawrence, be extended for a term not to exceed six months.

The Grand Treasurer reported that King Solomon's Chapter, at Enfield, had neglected to make its annual return, as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. Whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the Chapter aforesaid to make its Return, and pay its dues to the Grand Chapter without any further delay.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:—

COMPANIONS—Having assembled in Annual Communication in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, it becomes my duty to lay before you such information relative to the condition of the Chapters under this jurisdiction as may be in my possession, and to make such suggestions relating to the same as may seem to be for the best good of our Institution.

Since our last Annual Communication events have transpired in our Country's history that threaten to destroy the fair Temple of Liberty founded by the toil and sufferings of our Patriot Fathers. A fratricidal war, with all of its debasing influences, has suddenly arisen, like a thick cloud, obscuring the future of our beloved Country, alienating those that were bound by the strongest ties of friendship and affection, and threatening to destroy all that we prize as most dear to us. Let us as true patriots, whose hopes are centred upon transmitting to posterity the rich legacy bequeathed to us by our fathers; as Masons, whose trust is in the great "I Am," humble ourselves before Him, that this dreadful calamity which now threaten us may be averted; that peace may again smile upon us, and that we may yet be a happy and united Nation.

In the present distracted condition of our Country, our Institution may, by the force of circumstances, be compelled to pass through a severe trial, testing the truth and sincerity of our professions.

Let us as R. A. Masons be true to the principles that underlie our Institution, sustaining the spirit of our R. A. Constitution of 1798, which declares, as a part of its mission, that it was established "to promote love and charity among Masons, and to render more general and extensive the principles of benevolence and philanthropy. Keeping in view these principles, let us, as citizens of this great Republic, so discharge every duty that may be imposed upon us, that we may be "true to our God, our country, and ourselves."

In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Chapter, I have visited, in company with the Grand Lecturer, the several Chapters in the western part of this Commonwealth. It was my intention to have visited all under this jurisdiction, but in consequence of the excited condition of the Country, the attention of our Companions was withdrawn to other duties, and I thought it best to defer it. I trust that they will all be visited during the coming winter.

On the 19th of February, accompanied by the Grand Lecturer, I visited Morning Star Chapter at Springfield. A special communication was held in the afternoon and evening, conferring all of the degrees upon candidates, and rehearsing the Lectures.

It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the efficiency of its officers, and the correctness of its Work. From the desire manifested by its officers and members to be proficient in their work and lectures, I feel confident that the influence of this Chapter will do much to awaken an interest in R. A. Masonry in the western portion of the Commonwealth.

On the 20th, visited Berkshire Chapter at Pittsfield; the Work in the several degrees was exhibited, and the Lectures rehearsed. Owing to the depressed condition of business in this community, but little Work has been done by this Chapter since its institution in 1860. Its officers have peculiar qualifications for the discharge of their duties, and with the return of more prosperous times there is no doubt that this Chapter will be all that its friends anticipated.

On the 22d, visited King Solomon's Chapter at Enfield. No Work has been done since its institution. In consequence of the M. E. High Priest's absence from town, the Chapter has suffered for the want of proper instruction. The same causes that affected Berkshire Chapter has, in a greater degree, operated here. A Chapter of Instruction was opened by the Grand Lecturer, and the time spent here was devoted to that purpose. This Chapter will have to await more prosperous times before they can become thoroughly instructed in the Work.

On the 23d, visited Northampton Chapter, witnessed the conferring of the several degrees upon candidates and a rehearsal of the Lectures. This Chapter has taken much interest during the last year to perfect themselves in the Work and Lectures, and will now rank with any Chapter in the State. Its officers were prompt in the discharge, and well versed in their respective duties. There is no doubt that Northampton Chapter will prove one of our most reliable and efficient Chapters.

On the 25th, visited Franklin Chapter at Greenfield; owing to the absence of the M. E. High Priest and several of its officers for the most part of the year, but little Work has been done. Their meetings have been regularly holden, but they have not kept up their Work as in times past; but with the return of several of their officers to their homes, a better state of things is anticipated. There is no want of knowledge in this Chapter but the opportunity to communicate it. The Work was exhibited, and, as it might be expected, the instructions of our M. E. P. G. High Priest, Wendell T. Davis, and M. E. P. High Priest, Edward P. Graves, both members of this Chapter, was a sufficient guarantee of its correctness.

On the 27th, visited Thomas Chapter at Fitchburg. This Chapter is in a thriving and prosperous condition. The Work was exhibited, and the Lectures rehearsed, in a manner reflecting great credit upon its officers and members. With our M. E. Grand Scribe as its M. E. High Priest, we may rest assured that Thomas Chapter will not dishonor the worthy name it now bears.

St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Washington, and the Chapter of the Shekinah, have been visited during the past year. These Chapters are too well known to this Grand Chapter to require a particular notice; suffice it to say that they are in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

I am confident in the belief that the visitations thus made to the more distant Chapters will be productive of much benefit, stimulating them to greater exertions in perfecting themselves in the Work and Lectures as taught by this Grand Chapter. By reason of their great distance from our place of meeting, they are seldom represented; it therefore becomes us, if we would maintain R. A. Masonry within this Commonwealth, to exercise a more watchful and paternal care over our subordinates; to reconcile any differences which may exist in our Work, and place it upon such a foundation as will insure it the active co-operation of every R. A. Mason within this jurisdiction.

I would call the careful attention of the Grand Chapter to the petitions that may be presented from time to time for the granting of Dispensations for new Chapters. From a careful attention to this subject, I am convinced that there are but few, if any portion of the State, where a Chapter could at the present time be instituted with any reasonable prospect of success. I think that outside of our large cities reference should be had to some central location, from which a Chapter might receive its members from different Lodges, rather than depend upon a single Lodge for support.

Inquiries have been made from time to time relative to the granting of new Charters, and in some instances it would require the exaltation of every member of the Lodge even to give it a feeble support. If R. A. Masonry is to be properly sustained under this jurisdiction, it is by having living working Chapters, whose members are alive to the importance of perfecting themselves in the Work and Lectures, so that its sublime teachings may govern and guide them in their daily life and practice. It will be much better for our Institution, even should some of our Companions be put to some inconvenience in attending our meetings, rather than have our Order suffer in the house of its friends.

The experience of this Grand Chapter in the past should remind us that Wisdom, which cometh through experience, is the surest guide to prosperity and happiness.

The Grand Lecturer has visited, for the purpose of instruction, several of our Chapters, and has given particular attention to the Chapters at Foxborough and Lawrence. That at Lawrence will be ready for consecration at an early day.

Keystone Chapter, at Foxborough, having been reported as qualified to receive its Charter; on the 25th of April, accompanied by E. Companions Charles C. Dame and Daniel Grant, Jr., I instituted this Chapter and installed its officers.

This Chapter is located in one of our most enterprising suburban towns; it numbers 21 members, and is centrally situated to several flourishing Lodges. From the influential standing of its members in that community, there is no dobubt that it will be a successful and flourishing Chapter.

The past year has been one of much Masonic prosperity throughout this jurisdiction. More attention has been paid by the officers and members of our Chapters in perfecting themselves, and attaining uniformity in the Work and Lectures, as taught by the G. Chapter, and, I trust, in the practice of the sublime teachings of its ritual. Its principles constitute its value; recognizing our obligations to God as our Father—acknowledging his precepts, as communicated to us in his Book of revealed truth, as our standard of duty; let us as R. A. Masons be true to the precepts thus revealed unto us; let them be interwoven into the motives that govern us in all of our daily acts; let us live in accordance with their spirit, being watchful of our passions, honest in our dealings, affectionate in our intercourse one with another, jealous of our good name, and slow to hear or speak to the prejudice of our

Brethren. Thus may we preserve the purity of our Order and the sincerity of our professions.

The following documents accompanied the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest:—

To the M. E. SOLON THORNTON and WILLIAM L. BATCHELDER:

Companions,—You are hereby appointed a Committee, and duly empowered, to visit Keystone Chapter of R. A. Masons, now working under a Dispensation in the town of Foxboro', for the purpose of examining their work, and inform yourselves of the competency of their officers to confer the several degrees appertaining to R. A. Masonry, agreeably to the mode of Work and Lectures as approved by this Grand Chapter, and make report thereon at your earliest convenience.

Given under the seal of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Massachusetts, this 21st day of March, 1861.

JAMES KIMBALL, H. P. of G. R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts.

Salem, April 1st, 1861.

To James Kimball, M. E. H. P. of the Grand R. A. Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The Committee appointed by you to visit Keystone Chapter, now working under a Dispensation in the town of Foxborough, would make the following

#### REPORT.

We visited the Chapter agreeably to your instructions and found them in a very flourishing condition. They have exalted six candidates, and their prospect for more this year is very encouraging, as they have three or more Lodges within their jurisdiction. Their work is in conformity with that adopted by the Grand Chapter. They conferred the several degrees of R. A. Masonry before the committee, and we can assure you that their work is fully up to the standard and second to no Chapter in the State; and with their zeal, fidelity and attachment to R. A. Masonry, your committee would recommend that a Charter be granted at your convenience.

W. L. BATCHELDER, G. L.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Finance was presented and accepted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having carefully examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, would respectfully

#### REPORT:

That they find the accounts carefully kept a There was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer			
	at the com		
of the present year, the sum of	\$224		
He has received for dues from 17 Chapters,	821	00	
Dividends and Interest on Stock,	150	50	
Dispensation,		90	00
Making a total of		\$1,286	14
He has paid for two Shares in the Bank of N.			
America.	180 50		
Printing By-Laws and Diplomas,	312 60		
Charity, 145 00			
Sundry Bills, including Rent, Secretary and			
Tyler's Fees, &c.,	301 92		
Tyler's rees, &c.,		<b>\$940</b>	02
Leaving a balance in the hands of the G. Tres	surer of	\$346	12
The property of the Grand Chapter consists of			
5 Shares of National Bank, cost		\$496	25
4 Shares of Eliot Bank, cost			75
4 Shares of Enot Dank, cost	415		
4 Shares of Howard Bank, cost	202		
2 Shares of North Bank, cost			50
2 Shares of Bank of North America, cost			
1 City of Boston 5 per cent Bond,			00
Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,	346	12	
Total,		<b>\$</b> 3,043	12

The Committee respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services the past year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLELLAN, WYZEMAN MARSHALL, Committee of RICHARD BRIGGS,

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

M. E. Companions Briggs, Shurtleff and Whittemore were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes.

A return of the Grand Chapters having been made, it was found there were thirtythree members present entitled to vote.

The following officers were then balloted for and unanimously elected, viz:—

James Kimball, of Salem, Grand High Priest.
Richard Briggs, of Boston, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Wm. S. Shurtleff, Springfield, Grand King.
George Talbot, Stoughton, Grand Scribe.
Peter C. Jones, Boston, Grand Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman, Boston, Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest, viz:—

Caleb Rand, Charlestown, Grand Captain of the Host. James R. Gardner, Boston, Grand Principal Sojourner. W. J. Merriam, Fitchburgh, Grand Royal Arch Captain. David W. Crafts, Northampton, Grand Master 3d Veil. Benjamin P. Shillaber, Chelsea, Grand Master 2d Veil. Theodore H. Emmons, Boston, Grand Master 1st Veil. George T. Ambrose, Boston, Grand Stewards. Henry J. Low, Fitchburg, Wm. L. Batchelder, Salem, Grand Lecturer. Rev. John P. Robinson, Boston, Grand Chaplains. Wyzeman Marshall,

Salan Thornton,

Committee of Finance. William Parkman, Committee of Charity. Charles C. Dame, Thomas Waterman, William C. Martin, Grand Tyler.

The officers thus elected and appointed were then duly installed by M. E. Wyzeman Marshall, Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

The usual proclamation was made by the Grand Capt. of the Host.

A communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests containing the names of several M. E. Companions who had been consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The communication was read and the names of the Companions thus consecrated placed upon the roll of High Priests.

Voted, That the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the past year be printed, and that the Grand Secretary prepare a copy for the press.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

The Grand Secretary hereby acknowledges the receipt during the past year, of the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:—

Alabama. Maryland and Dist, of Columbia.

Arkansas. Michigan.
California. Minnesota.
Canada. Missouri.
Florida. Mississippi.

Georgia. New Hampshire.
Illinois. New Jersey.
Indiana. New York.

Indiana. New York.
Iowa. Ohio.

Kentucky. Pennsylvania.
Louisiana. Vermont.
Maine. Wisconsin.

#### OFFICERS

#### OF THE

# GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

#### ELECTED SEPTEMBER 10, 1861.

# M. E. James Kimball, Salem, Grand High Priest.

- Richard Briggs, Boston, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- 46 William S. Shurtleff, Springfield, Grand King.
- " George Talbot, Stoughton, Grand Scribe.
- E. Caleb Rand, Charlestown, Grand Capt. of the Host.
- " James R. Gardner, Boston, Grand Principal Sojourner.
- " W. J. Merriam, Fitchburg, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
- " David W. Crafts, Northampton, G. Master 3d Veil.
- " B. P. Shillaber, Chelsea, G. Master 2d Veil.
- " Theodore H. Emmons, Boston, G. Master 1st Veil.
- " Peter C. Jones, Boston, Grand Treasurer.
- " Thomas Waterman, Boston, Grand Secretary.
- Peter C. Jones, William Parkman, Wm. H. L. Smith, "

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- Trustees of the Funds.
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- Rev. R. S. Pope, Hyannis, " Rev. John P. Robinson, Boston, & G. Chaplains. "
- " Wm. L. Batchelder, Salem, Grand Lecturer.
- " Geo. T. Ambrose, Boston, Senior Grand Steward.
- " Henry J. Low, Fitchburg, Junior Grand Steward
- Wyzeman Marshall, "
- " Solon Thornton, Committee of Finance,
- " Wm. W. Baker,
- " William Parkman,
- Committee of Charity " Charles C. Dame,
- " Thomas Waterman,
- Wm. C. Martin, Grand Tyler.

# PERMANENT MEMBERS

#### OF THE

# GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

- \*Benjamin Hurd, Jr., 1798-99-1800.
- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1801-2.
- \*Timothy Bigelow, 1803-4-5.
- \*Isaiah Thomas, 1806—7—8.
- \*Oliver Prescott, 1809.
- \*James Dean Hopkins, 1810-11-12.
- \*John Abbot, 1813-14-15.
- \*Andrew Sigourney, 1816-17.
- \*James Prescott, 1818-19.
- \*Jonathan Gage, 1820-21-22.
- \*Paul Dean, 1823-24-25.
- \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1826-27-28.
- \*Samuel Clark, 1829-30-31.
- \*Josiah J. Fiske, 1832-33.

Edward A. Raymond, 1834-35-36.

Simon W. Robinson, 1837-38-39.

John B. Hammatt, 1840.

\*Elijah Atherton, 1841-42-43.

Thomas Tolman, 1844-45.

Charles W. Moore, 1846-47-48.

Benjamin Huntoon, 1849-59-51.

\*Stephen Lovell, 1852-53-54.

Daniel Harwood, 1855-56.

Wendell Thornton Davis, 1857.

John McClellan, 1858.

\*Deceased.

## PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1799, from April to September.
- \*Jonathan Gage, 1799.
- \*Joshua Greenleaf, 1800.
- \*Simon Eliot, 1801-2.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1803 to 1808, and 1816 to 1820.
- \*Henry Fowle, 1808 to 1814.
- \*James C. King, 1814-15.
- \*Samuel L. Knapp, 1820.
- \*Paul Dean, 1821-22.
- \*Augustus Peabody, 1823 to 1826.

Benjamin Huntoon, 1826 to 1829.

Robert Lash, 1829 to 1833.

Thomas Tolman, 1833 and 1841 to 1844.

Gardner Ruggles, 1834 to 1837.

John B. Hammatt, 1837 to 1840.

- \*Elijah Atherton, 1840.
- \*Elias Haskell, 1844-45.
- \*Ruel Baker, 1846-47.

Gilbert Nurse, 1848.

Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1849.

\*Stephen Lovell, 1850-51.

Timothy Ingraham, 1852.

E. M. P. Wells, 1853.

Joseph Bedlow, 1854.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1855.

William R. Alger, 1856.

Tracy P. Cheever, 1857.

Isaac P. Seavey, 1858.

Wyzemen Marshall, 1859.

Solon Thornton, 1860.

#### PAST GRAND KINGS.

- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1798.
- \*James Harrison, 1799.
- \*William McKean, 1800.
- \*Charles Jackson, 1801.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1802.
- \*Gilman White, 1803-4.
- \*David Coffin, Jr., 1805. \*Amos Tappan, 1806.
- \*Oliver Prescott, 1807-8.
- \*William Woart, 1809-10.

\*John Abbot, 1811-12. \*Samuel L. Knapp, 1813-14. \*Henry Fowle, 1815. \*James C. King, 1816-17. \*Joseph Brown, 1818. Robert Lash, 1819. \*Caleb Butler, 1820 to 1823. Henry Whipple, 1823. \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1824-25. Richard S. Spofford, 1826 to 1829. \*Charles Train, 1829 to 1832. Edward A. Raymond, 1832-33. \*William Whiting, 1834-35. Simon W. Robinson, 1836. \*Elijah Atherton, 1837 to 1840. Enoch Hobart, 1840. John R. Bradford, 1841 to 1844. Charles W. Moore, 1844-45. Gilbert Nurse, 1846-47. William Eaton, 1848. Lucien B. Keith, 1849. Samuel Millard, 1850-51. John Flint, 1852. James W. Crooks, 1853. Ebenezer W. Tolman, 1854. Jonathan G. Johnson, 1855. Wendell Thornton Davis, 1856. William Parkman, 1857. William H. L. Smith, 1858. William W. Baker, 1859. \*Sylvester Baxter, 1860.

#### PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

- \*James Harrison, 1798.
- \*Joshua Greenleaf, 1799.
- \*Charles Jackson, 1800.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1801.
- \*Stephen Howard, 1802.
- \*Abraham Perkins, 1803-4.
- \*Samuel A. Otis, 1805.
- \*James Dean Hopkins, 1806.
- \*Thomas Carey, Jr., 1807-8.
- \*Thomas Jackson, 1809.
- \*Sumner Barstow, 1810.

- \*Henry Purkett, 1811.
- \*Edward Turner, 1812.
- \*Andrew Sigourney, 1813-14.
- \*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr., 1815.
- \*Joseph Brown, 1816-17.
- Robert Lash, 1818.
- \*James Morse, 1819-20.
- \*Roswell Lee, 1821.
- \*Daniel Baxter, 1822.
- \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1823.
- \*John James Loring, 1824-25.
- \*Samuel Clark, 1826 to 1829.
- Charles Wells, 1829 to 1833.
- \*William Whiting, 1833.
- Simon W. Robinson, 1834-35.
- \*Elijah Atherton, 1836.
- Enoch Hobart, 1837 to 1840.
- John R. Bradford, 1840.
- Robert Keith, 1841 to 1844.
- \*Ruel Baker, 1844-45.
- \*Joel Talbot, 1846-47.
- Lucien B. Keith, 1848.
- Samuel Millard, 1849.
- \*Henry Earl, 1850-51,
- Jonas A. Marshall, 1852.
- Horace Chenery, 1853.
- John McClellan, 1854.
- Abraham A. Dame, 1855.
- John Andrews, 1856. Joel Spalding, 1857.
- James Kimball, 1858.
- Hanne Caldani 1950
- Henry Goddard, 1859.
- George Sherwin, 1860.

#### ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

UNDER THIS JURISDICTION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING

AUGUST 31, 1860,

#### WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5769. Richard Briggs, High Priest. Samuel Millard, King. Charles C. Dame, Scribe. Benjamin F. Wilson, Captain of the Host. Wallis S. Chase, Principal Sojourner. Marlborough Williams, Royal Arch Captain. Sylvester Trull, Master 3d Veil. Daniel E. Conery, Master 2d Veil, Henry A. Lyford, Master 1st Veil. John McClellan, Treasurer. Thomas Waterman, Secretary. Noah M. Gaylord, Chaplain. James L. Lincoln, Senior Steward. Jairus Thayer, Junior Steward. Wm. C. Martin, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 224. Candidates Exalted, 35. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$111. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

## KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT, A. L. 5790.

Gyles P. Stone, High Priest.
Moses H. Fowler, King.
John Akerman, Scribe.
Warren Currier, Captain of the Host.
John N. Pike, Principal Sojourner.
John Walton, Jr., Royal Arch Captain.

Wm. H. Johnson, Master of the 3d Veil. Charles A. Notune, Master 2d Veil. Paul Plumer, Master 1st Veil. Mark Symans, Treasurer. Stephen S. Hodge, Secretary. William Horton, Chaplain. David I. Adams, Senior Steward. William H. Bailey, Junior Steward. Enoch G. Currier, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 62. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27. Regular Meetings on Tuesday succeeding full moon.

# WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM, A. L. 5811.

William L. Batchelder, High Priest.
John R. Smith, King.
George W. Sargent, Scribe.
Joseph S. Perkins, Captain of the Host.
Charles Greene, Principal Sojourner.
Joseph C. Cheever, Royal Arch Captain.
Francis Roberts, Master 3d Veil.
Jeremiah Mahoney, Master 2d Veil.
Daniel H. Jewett, Master 1st Veil.
Alva Kendall, Treasurer.
Henry A. Brown, Secretary.
Henry Habon, Senior Steward.
Addison Goodhue, Junior Steward.
Edward Rea, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 94. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18. Regular Meetings on the third Thursday in each month.

## ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD, A. L. 5816.

Timothy Ingraham, High Priest.
John B. Baylies, King.
Henry I. Taylor, Scribe.
David Brayton, Captain of the Host.
Jacob B. Hadley, Principal Sojourner.
Lucius H. Morrill, Royal Arch Captain.
William W. Arnold, Master 3d Veil.
William E. Mason, Master 2d Veil.
Shipley W. Bumpus, Master 1st Veil.

Edward Stetson, Treasurer. Henry A. Edwards, Secretary. Moses G. Thomas, Chaplain. John Fuller, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 142. Candidates Exalted, 18. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday o each month.

# MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD, A. L. 5817.

A. L. Soule, High Priest. William S. Shurtleff, King.

A. H. Kirkham, Scribe.

H. A. Chapin, Captain of the Host.

A. E. Haywood, Principal Sojournet.

Amos Call, Royal Arch Captain.

J. D. Gibbons, Master 3d Veil.

R. E. Cooper, Master 2d Veil.

A. Foth, Master 1st Veil.

S. E. Bailey, Treasurer.

H. C. Smith, Secretary.

Dana Reed, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 122. Candidates Exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39. Regular Meetings on the first Friday in each month.

## FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD, A. L. 5817.

Edward P. Graves, High Priest.

C. L. Fisk, King.

Daniel Lyon, Scribe.

T. W. Ripley, Captain of the Host.

H D. Mirick, Principal Sojourner.

Edward Howland, Royal Arch Captain.

Anson Mitchell, Master 3d Veil.

E. J. Rice, Master 2d Veil.

W. Wunsch, Master 1st Veil.

Rufus Howland, Treasurer.

James S. Grennell, Secretary.

C. E. Fiske, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 60. Candidates Exalted, 3. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15. Regular Meetings on Wednesday after full moon.

# ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5818.

Wyzeman Marshall, High Priest.
John K. Hall, King.
Leonard Cox, Jr., Scribe.
Frederick A. Peirce, Captain of the Host.
William F. Knowles, Principal Sojourner.
William Webster, Royal Arch Captain.
William E. Gaskin, Master 3d Veil,
Master 2d Veil.

Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Master 1st Veil. Benjamin F. Nourse, Treasurer. William H. L. Smith, Secretary. John W. Dadman, Chaplain. Jabez F. Hewes, Senior Steward. Niels Jacobs, Junior Steward. William C. Martin, Tyler.

Present number of Members, —-. Candidates Exalted, 59. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$183. Regular Meetings third Tuesday of each month.

# MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON, A. L. 5820.

James Swan, High Priest.
George Talbot, King.
Carmi Richmond, Scribe.
George B. Blake, Captain of the Host.
Simon T. Drake, Principal Sojourner.
Franklin Leach, Royal Arch Captain.
Hiram Gay, Master 3d Veil.
Bradford Kinsley, Master 2d Veil.
Jonathan R. Gay, Master 1st Veil.
Lemuel Gay, Treasurer.
Ansel Capen, Secretary.
Edwin Richmond, Senior Steward.
Loring W. Puffer, Junior Steward.

Present number of Members, 37. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27. Regular meetings on Friday preceding the full moon.

# THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG, A. L. 5821.

George Shirwin, High Priest. Daniel W. Tuttle, King. Thomas C. Caldwell, Scribe. Jonas A. Marshall, Captain of the Host. William J. Merriam, Principal Sojourner. Warren C. Upton, Royal Arch Captain. Charles L. Tenney, Master 3d Veil. Henry J. Low, Master 2d Veil, Henry T. Pratt, Master 1st Veil. Moses G. Lyon, Treasurer. Joseph A. Tufts, Secretary. E. W. Coffin, Chaplain. John D. Pratt, Senior Steward. Arnold Wilson, Junior Steward. Joseph Pierce, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 40. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings on Wednesday preceding full moon.

### WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER, A. L. 5823.

Henry Goddard, High Priest.
Benjamin Lewis, King.
J. B. Lawrence, Scribe.
G. W. Bentley, Captain of the Host.
Richard Fiske, Principal Sojourner.
Lyman Brooks, Royal Arch Captain.
S. P. Miller, Master 3d Veil.
S. V. Stone, Master 2d Veil.
Daniel Seagrave, Master 1st Veil.
Asa Walker, Treasurer.
C. A. White, Secretary.
Hollis Ball, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 64. Candidates Exalted, 14. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48. Regular Meetings second Friday in each month.

## MOUNT LEBANON CHAPFER, MILFORD, A. L. 5824

Leonard Wakefield, High Priest.
C. F. Chapin, King.
John M. Wales, Scribe.
John S. Cox, Captain of the Host.
Stephen Mattheson, Principal Sojourner.
A. P. Wilder, Royal Arch Captain.
C. T. Eames, Master 3d Veil.
James M. Hawks, Master 2d Veil.

A. H. Fisher, Master 1st Veil.
Leonard Hunt, Treasurer.
G. B. Knights, Secretary.
Lyman Maynard, Chaplain.
J. C. Bradford, Senior Steward.
G. H. Kendall, Junior Steward.
Frank O'Brine, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 64. Candidates Exalted, 13. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45. Regular Meetings on Thursday following full moon.

### NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON, A. L. 5825.

David W. Crafts, High Priest.
Charles S. Pratt, King.
Luther W. Hamilton, Scribe.
Geo. F. Wright, Captain of the Host.
Edward Daniels, Principal Sojourner.
Samuel W. Lee, Jr., Royal Arch Captain.
Benj. E. Cook, Master 3d Veil.
Seth Bliss, Master 2d Veil.
Robert R. Mayers, Master 1st Veil.
Ansel Wright, Treasurer.
Amasa D. Wade, Secretary.
Lyman Kingsley, Senior Steward.
Thomas Boland, Junior Steward.
Wm. M. Weatherell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 46. Candidates Exalted, 12. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39. Regular Meetings first Wednesday in each month.

# SUTTON CHAPTER, SUTTON, A. L. 5826. No Return.

#### CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM, A. L. 5826.

Jona. Greenwood, High Priest.
A. C. Felton, King.
S. A. Hastings, Scribe.
Dixi C. Hoyt, Captain of the Host,
Charles E. Horne, Principal Sojourner.
D. M. Gerry, Royal Arch Captain.
Franklin Cloyes, Master 3d Veil.
Nelson L. Winch, Master 2d Veil.

Silas B. Wild, Master 1st Veil.
Adam Hemenway, 2d, Treasurer.
Geo. L. Sleeper, Secretary.
Paul Dean, Chaplain.
Miranda Page, Senior Steward.
Joseph C. Cloyes, Junior Steward.
Geo. W. Marsei, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 45. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27. Regular Meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

### MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL, A. L. 5826.

Alfred S. Saunders, High Priest.
Jonathan P. Folsom, King.
George W. Bedlow, Scribe.
Edward Bush, Captain of the Host.
H. Hosford, Principal Sojourner.
S. T. Lancaster, Royal Arch Captain.
R. J. Walker, Master 3d Veil.
T. L. P. Lamson, Master 2d Veil.
J. B. F. Shedd, Master 1st Veil.
Edward Tuck, Treasurer.
J. E. Short, Jr., Secretary.
Theodore Edson, Chaplain.
Isaac F. Scripture, Senior Steward.
J. P. Slocom, Junior Steward.
A. W. Fisher, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 147. Candidates Exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39. Regular Meetings Monday on or preceding the full of the moon.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON, A. L. 5854.

George T. Sampson, High Priest.
Stephen Merrill, King.
Samuel L. Fowle, Scribe.
E. J. Cleveland, Captain of the Host.
Walter Burnham, Principal Sojourner.
William Brewster, Royal Arch Captain.
Nathaniel Haley, Master 3d Veil.
Thomas Nickerson, Master 2d Veil.
John Prince, Master 1st Veil.
Merrill Pettengill, Treasurer.

H. T. Litchfield, Secretary.
Richard Libbey, Chaplain,
James H. Norwood, Senior Steward.
J. W. Thompson, Junior Steward.
S. W. Gleason, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 63. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings fourth Monday of each month.

## CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA, A. L. 5855.

Ebenezer W. Lothrop, High Priest.
Charles A. Davis, King.
George W. Churchill, Scribe.
John F. Fellows, Captain of the Host.
Charles Avery, Principal Sojourner.
Charles T. Gay, Royal Arch Captain.
William A. Williams, Master 3d Veil.
Charles F. Haines, Master 2d Veil.
John E. Hesseltine, Jr., Master 1st Veil.
Slade Luther, Treasurer.
Charles Caldwell, Secretary.
Charles H. Leonard, Chaplain.
Thomas H. Carruth, Senior Steward.
H. H. Campbell, Junior Steward.
Charles Howard, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 86. Candidates Exalted, 20. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66. Regular Meetings second Wednesday in each month.

#### ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS, A. L. 5856.

R. S. Pope, High Priest.
H. O. Martin, King.
Hartson Hallet, Scribe.
J. K. Baker, Jr., Captain of the Host.
V. B. Nickerson, Principal Sojourner.
William E. Ansel, Royal Arch Captain.
S. B. Phiney, Master 3d Veil.
George Marston, Master 2d Veil.
C. H. Waterman, Master 1st Veil.
Alexander Baxter, Treasurer.
Sylvester Baxter, Secretary.
Frederick Hebard, Chaplain.

A. S. Hallett, Senior Steward. Phineas Berry, Junior Steward. John H. Frost, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 40. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$12. Regular Meetings Thursday on or before full moon.

### PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL, A. L. 5856.

George W. George, High Priest.

Rufus T. Slocomb, King.

Daniel Fitts, Scribe.

George H. Hoyt, Captain of the Host.

James E. Gale, Principal Sojourner.

F. C. Swan, Royal Arch Captain.

A. L. Kimball, Master 3d Veil.

F. J. Stevens, Master 2d Veil.

C. I. Taggart, Master 1st Veil.

John P. Randall, Treasurer.

George W. Chase, Secretary.

C. H. Seymour, Chaplain.

Daniel Fitts, Senior Steward.

C. W. Chase, Junior Steward.

A. G. Bradley, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 43. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$12. Regular Meetings first Friday in each month.

#### BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD, A. L. 5858.

Lorenzo H. Gamwell, High Priest.

Frank Weston, King.

E. F. Ensign, Scribe.

Daniel Upton, Captain of the Host.

George V. Bristol, Principal Sojourner.

J. N. Dunham, Royal Arch Captain.

H. S. Briggs, Master 3d Veil.

C. M. Wheldon, Master 2d Veil.

A. N. Allen, Master 1st Veil.

I. Carter, Treasurer.

G. A. Murdock, Secretary.

D. H. Bassett, Tyler.

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Present number of Members, 29. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18. Regular Meetings 1st and 3d Thursday in each month.

# KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, ENFIELD, A. L. 5858. No Return.

## KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH, A. L. 5860.

W. R. Thomas, High Priest.
J. E. Carpenter, King.
Henry S. Clarke, Scribe.
Carmi Richmond, Captain of the Host.
W. H. Thomas, Principal Sojourner.
L. E. Carpenter, Royal Arch Captain,
John F. Shepard, Master 3d Veil.
Edwin Richmond, Master 2d Veil.
William Graves, Master 1st Veil.
Charles M. Dean, Treasurer.
E. Smith, Secretary.
C. A. Bradley, Chaplain.

William Carpenter, Senior Steward.

J. Q. Lynch, Junior Steward.

N. B. Wilmarth, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 14. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after full moon.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE, A. L. 5860. U. D.

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## GRAND CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

STATE.	GRAND HIGH PRIEST.	Post Office.	GRAND SECRETARY.	Post Office.
Alabama,	S. A. M. Wood,	Florence.	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
California	Whiting G. Wast	Little Rock.	John H Newborn,	Little Rock.
Connections	Samuel Trian	Suasia.	L. C. Owen,	San Francisco.
Florida.	Thomas V Henry	Cast Hartford.	Eliphalet G Storer.	New Haven.
Georgia.	Philip T Schley	Luney.	John B. Taylor.	Tallahassee.
Illinois.	Nelson D. Flurgod	Jaliat	Benj. B. Kussell,	Augusta.
Indiana.	Daniel K. Have	Attice.	Harmon G Reynolds,	Springheld.
lowa.	E. W. Fastman	Fidor:	Francis Ming,	Indianapolis.
Kentucky.	Thomas Todd	Shelburille	W. B Langridge,	Muscatine.
Louisiana,	J. Q. A. Fellows.	New Orleans	Samuel C. Bisk	Frankfort.
Maine,	Moses Dodge	Portland.	Ing Barry	Daylond
Maryland and Dist. Col.,	James Gozzler,	Washington, D. C.	Joseph Robinson.	Bultimore.
Massachusetts,	James Kimball,	Salem.	Thomas Waterman,	Boston.
Michigan,	Wm. F. lones,	Grand Rapids.	J. Eastman Johnson,	White Pigeon.
Mississippi,	Manage Part	Panola.	R. W. T. Daniel,	Jackson.
Winnesota,	Marcus boyo,	Springheid.	A. O'Sullivan,	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	A. I. C. Fierson,	St. Paul.	G. W. Prescott,	St. Paul.
New Jarsey	W God-	Manchester.	Horace Chase,	Hopkinton.
New Vorle	Tamba W. Goodwin,	Burlington.	John Woolverton,	Trenton.
North Carolina	E E W. Austin,	New York.	John O. Cole,	Albany.
Ohio	Ich M Dale	Granam.	Thomas D. Carr,	Wilmington.
Pennsylvania	Souli M. Farks,	manilion.	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Rhode Island,	Oliver Johnson.	Providence.	Samuel B Swan	Providence.
South Carolina,	Albert G. Mackey,	Charleston.	Chenezer Thaver	Charleston
Texas,	Andrew Neill,	Seguin.	A. S. Ruthven.	Galveston.
Tennessee,	Robert S. Moore,	Clarksville.	Charles A. Fuller,	Nashville.
Viscinia,	Thomas H. Campbell,	St. Albans.	John B. Hollenbeck,	Burlington.
Wisconsin	Powhaltan B. Stake,	Charles City, C. H.	John Dove,	Richmond.
11 mooners,	Erasius Lewis,	Janesville.	Wm. T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.





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OF THE

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## STATED MEETING-DECEMBER 10, 1861.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 10th, A. D. 1861, R. A. M. 2394.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.
  - " William S. Shurtleff, Grand King.
  - " George Talbot, Grand Scribe.
  - E. Caleb Rand, G. Captain of the Host.
  - " James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
  - " Lyman B. Meston, G. Royal Arch Captain, p. t.
  - " N. P. H. Melvin, G. Master 3d Veil, p. t.
  - " Marlborough Williams, G. Master 2d Veil, p. t.
  - " Theo. H. Emmons, G. Master 1st Veil.
  - " Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
  - " Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - " Kufus S. Pope,
    " John P. Robinson, Grand Chaplains.
  - " William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.
  - " George T. Ambrose, G. Steward.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

John B. Hammatt, Benjamin Huntoon, Robert Keith, Samuel Millard, E. W. Tolman, John McClellan, Solon Thornton, A. A. Dame, Wyzeman Marshall.

The Grand Chapter was opened at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, Washington, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Concord, Orient, Berkshire, Mt. Sinai, and Key Stone.

The Lecture on the Mark Degree was given by direction of the Grand High Priest.

The several propositions relative to the Work and Lectures, which came up in the course of the evening, were laid upon the table until the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

At 5 o'clock the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at half-past 6 o'clock.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:—

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

M. E. Comp. George Talbot, of Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton; M. E. Comp. H. H. F. Whittemore, of Washington Chapter, Salem, and M. E. Comp. Charles C. Dame, of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, Secretary of the

Mass. Convention of High Priests.

Boston, Oct. 24th 1861.

A petition, signed by Caleb S. Hunt, Harrison W. White, Jarvis Burrell, Stephen A. Morse, Fisher Copeland, Jarvis D. Burrell, Jonathan Ames, John Edson,

Franklin Leach, Artemas Hale, Isaac N. Cushman, and George W. Hill, (12,) praying for authority to form a new Chapter of Royal A. Masons in the town of Bridgewater, to be named "Bridgewater Chapter," and also the petition of Joseph Hutchinson, Geo. L. Faxon, Abner Holbrook, William H. Davis, J. K. Hayward, James R. Gardner, Samuel B. Thaxter, William W. Whitmarsh, Peter Lane, and John O. French, (10,) praying for authority to form a new Chapter in the town of Abington, to be named "Pilgrim Chapter," were received and referred to a Committee, consisting of M. E. Companions C. C. Dame, Wyzeman Marshall and L. H. Gamwell. The Committee having considered the subject matter referred to them, reported progress, and requested further time, which was granted, and the Committee authorized to report to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

A copy of the By-Laws of Mt. Sinai R. Arch Chapter was presented for the approval of the Grand Chapter, and committed to M. E. Companions Thornton, Batchelder and Rand, which Committee subsequently reported that the By-Laws aforesaid be approved with the exception of Article 3d, Sec. 2d, which the Committee recommend be stricken out, and this Report was accepted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest gave notice that Mount Sinai Royal Arch Chapter, at Lawrence, was consecrated and its officers duly installed on the 1st of October last.

The decease of our M. E. Comp. Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, Past Grand King of this Grand Chapter, was announced by M. E. Comp. John K. Hall, and on his motion a Committee was appointed to draft suitable Resolutions in relation thereto. The M. E. High Priest appointed M. E. Comps. John K. Hall, Rufus S. Pope and Ebenezer W. Tolman as the Committee, with instructions to submit their Report to the Grand Secretary. Comp.

Hall accordingly prepared the following Preamble and Resolutions:—

It has been customary from time immemorial to notice by resolves the departure from among us of the good and worthy, that their memories may be embalmed in the hearts of those they leave behind. Even the untutored savages respect the custom, and by gesticulations and pantomimic show relate the deeds and achievements of the departed warrior as an incentive to the survivors to imitate his heroic example. We also hold to view, by resolutions, the virtues of the departed as an incentive to emulation, giving the assurance that the virtuous dead are not forgotten.

We, of the Masonic Fraternity, feel more closely united to our Brethren, and the tie which binds us together feels more sensibly the shock of separation than that which unites us to the world at large. It is therefore a pleasing, though melancholy, duty to testify our affection for the departed by calling up his many virtues, and placing cur acknowledgment of his worth upon our records, that he may still be "a light to our path and a lamp to our feet," and that though dead he may yet speak to us.

We have been called upon during the past year to record the departure of many of our oldest and most devoted Brethren, whose devotion to the interests of Freemasonry could only cease with life.

We are again called upon to record the departure of a true and devoted Brother, a worthy officer of this Grand Chapter, a true Christian, and an upright man. Companion Sylvester Baxter, of Hyannis, died on the 25th of September last, aged sixtytwo years, and as a slight tribute to his memory it is

Resolved, That in the death of our Companion Sylvester Baxter, we have lost one, who through all his connection with us, was a worthy and true defender of that Banner, upon which is inscribed, "Holiness to the Lord."

Resolved, That by his death, Masonry has lost a warm advocate, and a most active disseminator of the sublime principles of the Order.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish his memory with a holy affection, and embalm it in the sanctuary of our hearts.

Resolved, That we forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of our warmest sympathy for them in this sad affliction.

Mark'd as he was by truth and love so well, He passed with safety through the lusts of earth; Most excellent 'mong those who did excel, A Royal Arch now crowns his second birth. It was voted that the next Stated Meeting of the Grand Chapter be convened at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of rehearing the Work and Lectures.

At 8 o'clock the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

N. B. A Dispensation was granted to the petitioners for a new Chapter in Abington, to be called "Pilgrim Chapter," dated 4th February, 1862, to continue in force until the Stated Meeting of the Grand Chapter in December, 1862.

## STATED MEETING-March 11, 1862.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, March 11, A. D. 1862.

The Grand Chapter was opened at a quarter before 11 o'clock, A. M.

M. E. Wm. S. Shurtleff, Grand High Priest, pro teminsthe chair.

M. E. Comp. Lewis announced the decease of M. E. Charles Gilman, of Baltimore, Past Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the U. States. Whereupon it was

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to draft suitable Resolutions in relation to this sad event, to be presented to the Grand Chapter at its Evening Session.

The Chair appointed M. E. Companions W. Lewis, W. Marshall, and H. Goddard, to serve on said Committee.

The Lecture on the Mark Degree was given by the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Captain of the Host.

The Work on the Mark Degree was subsequently exemplified, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P. M.

At 3, P. M., the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor, M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Lecture on the Royal Arch Degree was given by the Grand Lecturer and Grand Captain of the Host; after which the Work on the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified.

The Lectures on the Past Master's and M. E. Master's Degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P. M.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. 'The following Grand Officers were present:—

- M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.
  - " Richard Briggs, D. G. High Priest.
    - William S. Shurtleff, Grand King.
  - " George Talbot, Grand Scribe.
  - E. Caleb Rand, G. Capt. of the Host.
  - " James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
  - "Theodore H. Emmons, G. Royal Arch Captain.
  - Wm. L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.

## PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Benjamin Huntoon, Robert Keith, A. A. Dame, Solon Thornton, J. W. Crooks, John McClellan, E. W. Tolman, W. Lewis, Henry Goddard, S. Millard, W. Marshall, I. P. Seavey.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Adoniram, Franklin, Morning Star, Mount Zion, Worcester, Orient, Pentucket, Key Stone, and Mount Sinai.

M. E. Comp. Winslow Lewis, after a few prefatory remarks suited to the occasion, submitted the following Resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts have learned with the deepest sorrow, the death of one of the most truly illustrious members of the institution, and one whose characteristics as a Christian, as an accomplished and polished gentleman, of manners gentle, of affections mild, endeared him to all in the varied relations of life.

Resolved, That his life-long devotion to Freemasonry, the eminent ability, the sterling value of his virtues, so conspicuously displayed in so many offices, in so many arduous labors in the cause of fraternity and brotherly love, have shed an additional lustre on the Order, and ever purpetuate to its members the loved, the honored name of our late M. E. Companion, the Hon. Charles Gilman.

Resolved, That while deeply sympahizing with his bereaved family, in this their great loss, they also can rejoice with them, that though the fond husband, the affectionate father, has passed away from earth, his soul has found rest in the bosom of his God.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:—

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts-

M. E. Companion John K. Hall, of St. Paul's Chapter, Boston; M. E. Albert H. Kirkham, of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield, and M. E. N. P. H. Melvin, of Mt. Sinai Chapter, Lawrence, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, Secretary of the Mass. Convention of High Priests.

Boston, December 10, 1861.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

## STATED MEETING-June 10, 1862.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, June 10, A. D. 1862, R. A. M. 2395.

#### PRESENT.

M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.

- " Richard Briggs, Deputy G. High Priest.
  - William S. Shurtleff, Grand King.
- " George Talbot, Grand Scribe.
- E. Caleb Rand, Grand Captain of the Host,
- " James R. Gardner, Grand Principal Sojourner.
- " W. J. Merriam, Grand Royal Arch Capt.
- " William L. Batchelder, G. Master 3d Veil, p. t.
- " Frederick A. Peirce, G. Master 2d Veil, p. t.
- " Theodore H. Emmons, G. Master 1st Veil.
- "Henry Goddard, Grand Treasurer, p. t.
- "Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
- "Rufus S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.

## PERMANENT MEMBERS.

E. W. Tolman, S. Thornton, J. McClellan, George Sherwin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last Meeting was read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, Washington, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Worcester, Orient, Shekinah, and Morning Star.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:—

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts-

M. E. Comp. Richard Briggs, of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston; M. E. Comp. Wm. R. Thomas, of Keystone Chapter, Foxborough; M. E. Comp. James E. Gale, of Pentucket Chapter, Haverhill; M. E. Comp. Eben W. Lathrop, of Shekinah Chapter, Chelsea, and M. E. Comp. W. T. Drew, of Adoniram Chapter, of New Bedford, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, Secretary of the Mass. Convention of High Priests.

Boston, March 11th, 1862.

## On motion of M. E. Comp. Briggs, it was

Voted, That this Grand Chapter send two delegates to the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, in September next, provided that Body should meet in Memphis, Tennessee; but should the General Grand Chapter, aforesaid, holds its session in New York, then this Grand Chapter to be fully represented by its first four officers.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to some parts of the ritual; the Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

## ANNUAL MEETING—September 9, 1862.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, September 9th, A. D. 1862.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. James Kimball, Grand High Priest.
  - Richard Briggs, D. G. High Priest.
  - William S. Shurtleff, Grand King.
  - " George Talbot, Grand Scribe.
  - E. Caleb Rand, G. Capt. of the Host.
  - James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner. Wm. J. Merriam, G. Royal Arch Captain.
  - Wm. D. Axtel, G. Master 3d Veil, p. t. "
  - Theodore H. Emmons, G. Master 2d Veil, p. t.
  - " A. F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil, p. t.
  - " Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
  - Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - John P. Robinson, Grand Chaplains. "
  - "
  - George T. Ambrose, G. Steward.
  - William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Wendell T. Davis, John McClellan, Samuel Millard, Geo. Sherwin, E. W. Tolman, A. A. Dame, Wm. Parkman, Solon Thornton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the Record of the last meeting read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrews, King Cyrus, Adoniram, Franklin, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Thomas, Northampton, and Orient.

A communication was received from Washington Chapter, Salem, relating to the expulsion of a member. The communication was referred to a Committee, consisting of Companions Thornton, Kirkham and Emmons. This Committee subsequently submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of Washington Chapter, Salem, in the expulsion of Companion Joseph S. Perkins, from Royal Arch Masonry, respectfully Report, that the proceedings have been in accordance with Masonic usage, and recommend that they be confirmed by this Grand Chapter.

Boston, Sept. 9, 1862.

SOLON THORNTON,
A. H. KIRKHAM,
T. H. EMMONS,

Committee.

M. E. Companions Charles C. Dame, John McClellan and Richard Briggs were appointed a Committee to make such repairs of the Furniture and Regalia of the Grand Chapter as they may find necessary.

M. E. Com. Thornton, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, presented the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee of Finance have examined the account	ts of the	G.
Treasurer and find he had on hand at the last settlement,	<b>\$</b> 346	12
Received from sundry Chapters,	855	00
For one Dispensation for a new Chapter,	90	00
For Dividends and Interest,	139	25
Total,	\$1,430	37
He has paid for 3 Shares Eliot Bank Stock, \$303 00		
Two Shares Safety Fund Bank Stock, 196 50		
Charity, 155 00		
Sundry Bills, 345 16		
\$999 66		
Leaving a balance of cash in his hands of 430 71	\$1,430	37

Proper vouchers were exhibited to the Committee for all payments, and the accounts have been properly and correctly kept.

The Committee recommend that the sum of Fifty Dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SOLON THORNTON, for the Committee.

Boston, Sept. 9, 1862.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—

COMPANIONS,—The onward march of time again brings together in convention the Representatives from the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Graud Chapter of this Commonwealth, for the transaction of our annual business, and to consult upon, and perfect such measures as may be for the best interest of our Institution.

We assemble at a time when our country is passing through a fearful crisis. War with all its brutalizing atrocities is now devastating a portion of our beloved Union. Treason has raised its bloody hand to strike down, and crush out, the growing spirit of liberty, and to destroy the heritage left to us by our Patriot Fathers.

Amidst these trials let us not forget *Him*, in whom we can alone put our trust, that out of the darkness and trials through which our country is now passing *He* may bring it forth, purified and tried, having been rebaptized in the blood of its Patriotic Defenders.

During the past year the several Chapters under this Jurisdiction have done less work than in former years.

The stagnation of business and the engrossing interest incidental to the raising of troops for the defence of the Union, has turned the attention of our Companions to less peaceful thoughts.

I think that the returns will show, that a few of the Chapters in the large cities have done their average amount of work, and it gives me pleasure to say that Royal Arch Masonry was never in a more healthy condition than at the present time.

The work of the Chapters is more uniform, and there appears to be a growing desire to carry out the work as practised by the Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed at the Communication in December, 1861, to whom was referred the Petitions of Companions for Chapters in the towns of Abington and Bridgewater, reported to me in

favor of granting a Warrant to the Companions in Abington. A Warrant was granted them in the month of February, 1862, and I am happy to learn that they are in a prosperous condition, and I have no doubt, from the zeal manifested by its members, that Pilgrim Chapter will prove itself worthy of the honorable name which it bears.

I have visited in company with the Grand Lecturer, Morning Star, Worcester, Pentucket, Mount Sinai and Washington Chapters during the past year. Dispensations have been granted to Northampton, Adoniram, Washington, King Cyrus, Mount Horeb, and Chapter of the Shekinah, to confer the degrees. In each case it has been upon those who were to enter the service of their country.

In consequence of the impossibility of holding the Triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Memphis, at the time appointed, the General Grand Secretary addressed the following Circular to the several Grand Chapters.

Office of General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

Cincinnati, O., August 6th, A. I. 2392, A. D. 1862.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following official orders emanating from the Grand Council of the General Grand Chapter R. A. M. of the U. S. A., are communicated for information and observance.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, G. G. Sec. G. G. Chap. U. S. A.

#### APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter; and of the several State Grand Chapters; and of the Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; and to all Companion Royal Arch Masons to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:—

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the office of General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, occasioned by the death of R. E. Companion Samuel G. Risk, late General Grand Secretary; and whereas, we have the highest confidence in the Masonic character, zeal and ability of our esteemed and trusty Companion, John D. Caldwell, at present R. E. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio; Now therefore, Know Ye, that acting in pursuance of what we believe to be the wishes of the M. E. General Grand High Priest, we have requested and recommended, and do hereby request and recommend the said R. E. Companion, John D. Caldwell to exercise and discharge the duties of the office of General Grand Secretary aforesaid; and we do

hereby, so far as the powers appertaining to our respective offices will permit, constitute him as, and appoint him to the office of General Grand Secretary aforesaid, with all the rights and duties, powers and privileges, appertaining to said office by the Constitution and laws, rules and usages, of the said General Grand Chapter: and do require that he be respected and acknowledged as such accordingly—subject, however, to the action and decision of the M. E. General Grand High Priest and the General Grand Chapter, in the premises—to the end that the interests of the General Grand Chapter and of Royal Arch Masonry under its jurisdiction, may not be prejudiced by a continuance of the vacancy in said office.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our respective hands and seals, this 24th day of July, 1862.

JOHN L. LEWIS, JR. Dep. G. G. High Priest. IRA A. W. BUCK, General Grand King.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF CONVOCATION OF G. G. CHAPTER.

OPINION OF EACH SUBORDINATE STATE G. CHAP. SOLICITED.

To the Officers of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America; the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters; and the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the several subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

### Most Excellent and Right Excellent Companions:

At the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held in the city of Chicago, in September, 1859, it was resolved that the next convocation be held in the city of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, on the second Tuesday of September, 1862.

Section 1 of Article I, of the General Grand Constitution, provides for the contingency of changing the time of meeting, and the causes which may render it necessary and proper, and devolves the decision as to the sufficiency of the cause upon the General Grand High Priest, and the execution of his official order thereon upon the General Grand Secretary. The office of G. G. Secretary became vacant by the lamented death of R. E. Companion Risk, and has been filled by the temporary appointment of R. E. Companion John D. Caldwell, of the city of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio.

In consequence of the unhappy civil war now existing in our country, all communication between the members of the General Grand Council residing North and South respectively have been cut off; and also between the General Grand High Priest, and the acting General Grand Secretary. In the largest part of the jurisdiction, therefore, no

order of the General Grand High Priest can be promulgated. For the same unhappy reason, there is "danger to life or health" from a "local cause" (in the language of the Constitution), in holding the convocation in the city of Memphis at the time appointed, and we doubt not the General Grand High Priest would, if he has not already so done, promptly thus declare. Other reasons; arising from the condition of the country, and the distracted attention of the public mind, at the present time so unfitted for proper deliberation and concert of action, and the situation of our records and treasury, would indicate that it is inexpedient to hold such convocation in the city of Memphis or elsewhere in September next.

In our inability to communicate with the G. G. High Priest, a duty has seemed to devolve upon the undersigned, which we have not hesitated to discharge; but we wish it to be explicitly understood, that we do not intend to usurp any of his functions or prerogatives, but merely as members of the General Grand Council, acting in an advisory capacity to those we address, and making known what we believe to be the judgment of the G. G. High Priest in the premises.

We therefore respectfully but urgently recommend and advise that no convocation of the G. G. Chapter be held at Memphis or elsewhere in September next. We shall not attend such convocation; and we request the representatives of State Grand Chapters and subordinate Chapters to refrain from attending such meeting. We advise them to await, till the action which the G. G. High Priest has probably taken, be notified to them, and the time for holding such adjourned convocation shall be made known. We firmly believe that thereby the prosperity of the G. G. Chapter and the permanent interests of Royal Arch Masonry, will be best promoted.

The Grand Chapters are respectfully requested to express their opinion on the propriety of our action in this matter.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto affixed our names, and caused the same to be attested by the General Grand Secretary, this 30th day of July, 1862.

JOHN L. LEWIS, JR. Dep. G. G. High Priest. IRA A. W. BUCK, General Grand King.

Attest.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, General Grand Secretary.

At the last triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter holden at Chicago, September 13th, 1859. The General Grand Council was authorized to report at their next Triennial Session "a uniform and authentic system of Work and Lectures in the several degrees, in matters of substance." The Committee who reported the resolutions, referring this whole question to the Board of Grand Officers, say, in their Report, "That they are advised that upon some consultation between the chief Officers, they are of the opinion, that they can reconcile conflicting views, and agree upon that which is matter of substance and essential to the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees."

This Committee held a meeting in Washington in April last, which was attended by the officers of several of the Grand Chapters. This Grand Chapter was not represented, no notice having reached the Grand Officers.

A Report appears to have been submitted and furnished in Key, and as I understand, is now in use in the Grand and subordinate Chapters in Minnesota. The Grand High Priest of that State says,—"I have a complete copy of the Work, in Key, which has been furnished to each of our subordinates." The Grand Chapter of Minnesota was organized in October, 1860.

M. E. James M. Austin, Grand High Priest, thus speaks on the Uniformity of Work,—"In connection with this subject I have to report, that the Committee of the General Grand Chapter appointed at the last Triennial Convocation, to ascertain, and agree upon, and report at the next Triennial Session, a uniform and authentic system of Work and Lectures in the several Degrees, met at the City of Washington in April last,—the Deputy G. G. H. P., M. E. John L. Lewis, Jr., of this State, alone being absent. Upon the urgent request of CompLewis, and by the advice of many influential Companions, I deemed it an occasion of sufficient importance to have the interests of this Grand Chapter in some manner represented before said Committee. I accordingly went to Washington and spent some days in attendance upon the meetings of said Committee.

"And I have to Report, as the result of my observations, that I saw nothing in the 'Work and Lectures' decided upon by that Committee to recommend it to the favorable consideration of this Grand Chapter, in preference to that already adopted and in use in this Jurisdiction, the more so; as the Report of that Committee has still to be adopted by the General Grand Chapter, I entertain grave doubts of its ever being adopted as the system of Work by that Body."

From what I can learn from the several Reports in relation to it, it proposes an entire change in the Work; how far it is wise to innovate on our present Work and to introduce a new system is to be considered hereafter.

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There is probably as great a uniformity in our Work as there ever will be; in most of the States it is substantially the same, and from a careful inquiry, I am led to believe that it is as much so, as it is in the other Degrees.

I regret to learn that there is a disposition in some of the Grand Chapters to secede from the General Grand Chapter. I trust that the demon of secession may never find a resting place in Masonry; if no other good is attained, than an interchange of Masonic courtesy, and a commingling together of Brethren born and educated in different sections, this of itself is worth all of the trouble and expense incidental to such meetings: may it not be the mission of our Institution to tone down the bitter spirit of sectionalism, and let the benign teachings of our ritual have a saving influence for the best good of our country.

I would call the attention of this Grand Chapter to the importance of appointing a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom should be referred the several Reports received from State Grand Chapters, with authority to report such matters as may be of general interest, so that they may be printed with our annual proceedings. There are but few of our Chapters that know any thing of our Institution outside of our own Jurisdiction. My attention has been more particularly called to this subject, by receiving the Proceedings from the Grand Chapter of the State of Maine. From this Report I have learned more about R. A. Masonry in other Jurisdictions, than from all other sources. I am fully convinced that the information which can thus be communicated will be of lasting benefit to our Companions.

And now my Companions, having served you the constitutional period, let me in leaving this Chair, express to you my grateful acknowledgments, for that courtesy and forbearance, that has ever been exhibited to me since my first induction into this honorable position. It is to your cordial co-operation that success has crowned our labors, and that peace and harmony has reigned in our midst. Let it be the aim of every Companion, that his exertions shall ever be put forth to render this branch of our Order one of the most beautiful pillars in the Temple of Masonry; let us entwine around it the best affections of our hearts, and let us all endeavor to practice in our daily life the gentle influences of our Institution.

JAMES KIMBALL, H. P. of G. Ch. of R. A. M.

State of Massachusetts.

September 9th, 1862.

The foregoing Address was committed to M. E. Companions Shurtleff, Parkman and A. A. Dame, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was read and unanimously accepted:—

#### REPORT.

Grand R. A. Chapter, September 9, 1862.

The Committee to whom the foregoing Address and the recommendations therein contained were referred, having attended to their duty, report, that they entirely concur with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in the advisability of constituting a Committee of Foreign Correspondence; and recommend that this Address be entered at length upon the records of this Grand Chapter, and that the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

WM. S. SHURTLEFF, for the Committee.

The time having arrived for the choice of Officers, Companions McClellan and Rand were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes. The following officers were unanimously elected:—

Solon Thornton, of Boston, Grand High Priest.

Albert H. Kirkham, of Springfield, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Dame, of Boston, Grand King.

Moses H. Fowler, of Newburyport, Grand Scribe.

Peter C. Jones, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.

Thomas Waterman, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

William Parkman, Richard Briggs,

Trustees of the Funds.

The Officers thus elected were then duly installed, and the following Appointments announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and approved by the G. Chapter:—

Caleb Rand, Charlestown, Grand Captain of the Host.

James R. Gardner, Boston, Grand Principal Sojourner.

Theodore H. Emmons, Boston, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

George T. Ambrose, Boston, Grand Master 3d Veil.

Marshall Elmer, Springfield, Grand Master 2d Veil.

A. F. Chapman, Boston, Grand Master 1st Veil.

Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, Grand Stewards.

Lyman B. Meston, Boston, Grand Master Lecturer.

Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Hyannis,
Rev. John P. Robinson, Boston,
John McClellan, Boston,
Richard Briggs, Boston,
William F. Knowles, Cambridge,
William Parkman, Boston,
Thomas Waterman, Boston,
Samuel Millard, Boston,
James Kimball, Salem, Committee of Foreign Correspondence.
Luther L. Tarbell, Grand Tyler.

The appointed officers were then duly installed and the Grand Chapter fully organized.

On motion of M. E. Comp. McClellan, it was unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. James Kimball, for the able, efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the arduous and responsible duties of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter the past three years.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

The Grand Secretary hereby acknowledges the receipt during the past year, of the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:—

Canada. Missouri.
Connecticut. New Jersey.

Indiana. New York.

Iowa. Ohio.
Kentucky. Rhode Island.

Maine. Vermont.

Maryland and Dist. of Columbia. Wisconsin.

Michigan.

#### OFFICERS

#### OF THE

## GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

#### ELECTED SEPTEMBER 9, 1862.

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- " Albert H. Kirkham, Springfield, Deputy G. H. Priest.
- " Charles C. Dame, Boston, Grand King.
- 66 Moses H. Fowler, Newburyport, Grand Scribe.
- E. Caleb Rand, Charlestown, G. Captain of the Host.
- 66 James R. Gardner, Boston, G. Principal Sojourner.
- 66 Theodore H. Emmons, Boston, G. R. Arch Captain.
- " George T. Ambrose, Boston, G. Master 3d Veil.
- Marshall Elmer, Springfield, G. Master 2d Veil.
- " Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, G. Master 1st Veil.
- " Peter C. Jones, Boston, Grand Treasurer.
- " Thomas Waterman, Boston, Grand Secretary.
- 66 Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, Senior Grand Steward.
- " Lyman B. Meston, Boston, Junior Grand Steward.
- 66 William L. Batchelder, Salem, Grand Lecturer.
- Rev. Rufus, S. Pope, Hyannis, Rev. John P. Robinson, Boston, G. Chaplains. "
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- " John McCellan, " Committee of Finance. Richard Briggs,
- " Wm. F. Knowles,
- " Peter C. Jones. " Trustees of the Funds. William Parkman,
- 66 Richard Briggs,
- " Wm. Parkman, " Thomas Waterman, Committee of Charity.
- 66 Samuel Millard,
- " James Kimball, Salem, Com. on Foreign Correspond.
- " Luther L. Tarbell, G. Tyler.

## PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

## GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

#### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

- \*Benjamin Hurd, Jr., 1798-99-1800.
- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1801-2.
- \*Timothy Bigelow, 1803-4-5.
- \*Isaiah Thomas, 1806-7-8.
- \*Oliver Prescott, 1809.
- \*James Dean Hopkins, 1810-11-12.
- \*John Abbot, 1813-14-15.
- \*Andrew Sigourney, 1816-17.
- \*James Prescott, 1818-19.
- \*Jonathan Gage, 1820-21-22.
- \*Paul Dean, 1823-24-25.
- \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1826-27-28.
- \*Samuel Clark, 1829-30-31.
- \*Josiah J. Fiske, 1832-33.

Edward A. Raymond, 1834-35-36.

Simon W. Robinson, 1837-38-39.

John B. Hammatt, 1840.

\*Elijah Atherton, 1841-42-43.

Thomas Tolman, 1844-45,

Charles W. Moore, 1846-47-48.

Benjamin Huntoon, 1849-50-51.

\*Stephen Lovell, 1852-53-54.

Daniel Harwood, 1855-56.

Wendell Thornton Davis, 1857.

John McClellan, 1858.

James Kimball, 1859-60-61.

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased.

## PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1799, from April to September.
- \*Jonathan Gage, 1799.
- \*Joshua Greenleaf, 1800.
- \*Simon Eliot, 1801-2.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1803 to 1808, and 1816 to 1820.
- \*Henry Fowle, 1808 to 1814.
- \*James C. King, 1814-15.
- \*Samuel L. Knapp, 1820.
- \*Paul Dean, 1821-22.
- \*Augustus Peabody, 1823 to 1826.

Benjamin Huntoon, 1826 to 1829.

Robert Lash, 1829 to 1833.

Thomas Tolman, 1833 and 1841 to 1844.

Gardner Ruggles, 1834 to 1837.

John B. Hammatt, 1837 to 1840.

- #Elijah Atherton, 1840.
- \*Elias Haskell, 1844-45.
- \*Ruel Baker, 1846-47.

Gilbert Nurse, 1848.

Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1849.

\*Stephen Lovell, 1850-51.

Timothy Ingraham, 1852.

E. M. P. Wells, 1853.

Joseph Bedlow, 1854.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1855.

William R. Alger, 1856.

Tracy P. Cheever, 1857.

\*Isaac P. Seavey, 1858.

Wyzemen Marshall, 1859.

Solon Thornton, 1860.

Richard Briggs, 1861.

#### PAST GRAND KINGS.

- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1798.
- \*James Harrison, 1799.
- \*William McKean, 1800.
- \*Charles Jackson, 1801.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1802.
- \*Gilman White, 1803-4. \*David Coffin, Jr., 1805.
- \*Amos Tappan, 1806.
- \*Oliver Prescott, 1807—8.

#William Woart, 1809-10. \*John Abbot, 1811-12. \*Samuel L. Knapp, 1813-14. \*Henry Fowle, 1815, \*James C. King, 1816-17. \*Joseph Brown, 1818. Robert Lash, 1819. \*Caleb Butler, 1820 to 1823. Henry Whipple, 1823. \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1824-25. Richard S. Spofford, 1826 to 1829. \*Charles Train, 1829 to 1832. Edward A. Raymond, 1832-33. \*William Whiting, 1834-35. Simon W. Robinson, 1836. \*Elijah Atherton, 1837 to 1840. Enoch Hobart, 1840. John R. Bradford, 1841 to 1844. Charles W. Moore, 1844-45. Gilbert Nurse, 1846-47. William Eaton, 1848. Lucian B. Keith, 1849. Samuel Millard, 1850-51. John Flint, 1852. James W. Crooks, 1853. Ebenezer W. Tolman, 1854. Jonathan G. Johnson, 1855. Wendell Thornton Davis, 1856. William Parkman, 1857. William H. L. Smith, 1858. William W. Baker, 1859. \*Sylvester Baxter, 1860. William S. Shurtleff, 1861.

#### PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

- \*James Harrison, 1798.
- \*Joshua Greenleaf, 1799.
- \*Charles Jackson, 1800.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1801.
- \*Stephen Howard, 1802.
- \*Abraham Perkins, 1803-4.
- \*Samuel A. Otis, 1805.
- \*James Dean Hopkins, 1806.

- \*Thomas Carey, Jr., 1807-8.
- \*Thomas Jackson, 1809.
- \*Sumner Barstow, 1810.
- \*Henry Purkett, 1811,
- \*Edward Turner, 1812.
- \*Andrew Sigourney, 1813-14.
- \*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr., 1815.
- \*Joseph Brown, 1816-17.
- Robert Lash, 1818.
- \*James Morse, 1819-20.
- \*Roswell Lee, 1821.
- \*Daniel Baxter, 1822.
- \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1823.
- \*John James Loring, 1824-25.
- \*Samuel Clark, 1826 to 1829.
- Charles Wells, 1829 to 1833.
- \*William Whiting, 1833.
- Simon W. Robinson, 1834-35.
- \*Elijah Atherton, 1836.
- Enoch Hobart, 1837 to 1840.
- John R. Bradford, 1840.
- Robert Keith, 1841 to 1844.
- \*Ruel Baker, 1844-45.
- \*Joel Talbot, 1846-47.
- Lucien B. Keith, 1848.
- Samuel Millard, 1849.
- \*Henry Earl, 1850-51.
- Jonas A. Marshall, 1852.
- Horace Chenery, 1853.
- John McClellan, 1854.
- Abraham A. Dame, 1855.
- John Andrews, 1856.
- Joel Spalding, 1357.
- James Kimball, 1858.
- Henry Goddard, 1859.
- George Sherwin, 1860.
- George Talbot, 1861.

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### ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS

OF THE

# SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

UNDER THIS JURISDICTION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING

AUGUST 31, 1861,

### WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5769.

Richard Briggs, High Priest.
Charles C. Dame, King.
Benjamin F. Wilson, Scribe.
Marlborough Williams, Captain of the Host.
Daniel Grant, Jr., Principal Sojourner.
Lyman B. Meston, Royal Arch Captain.
John F. Macomber, Master 3d Veil.
Jacob Baldin, Jr., Master 2d Veil.
William K. Spinney, Master 1st Veil.
John McClellan, Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman, Secretary.
John P. Rebinson, Chaplain.
James L. Lincoln, Senior Steward.
David Simpson, Junior Steward.
William C. Martin, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 251. Candidates Exalted, 42. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$132. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT, A. L. 5790.

Moses H. Fowler, High Priest.
William Horton, King.
John N. Pike, Scribe.
Warren Currier, Captain of the Host.
John Walton, Jr., Principal Sojourner.
Albert Currier, Royal Arch Captain.

C. A. Notune, Master 3d Veil.
David J. Adams, Master 2d Veil.
Enoch G. Currier, Master 1st Veil.
Mark Symons, Treasurer.
Stephen S. Hodge, Secretary.
William Horton, Chaplain.
A. P. Sargent, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 58. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6. Regular Meetings on Tuesday succeeding full moon.

### WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM, A. L. 5811.

H. H. F. Whittemore, High Priest.
George H. Peirson, King.
William Thorndike, Scribe.
Michael J. Doak, Captain of the Host.
Henry E. Jocelyn, Principal Sojourner.
Edward A. Kilham, Royal Arch Captain.
Samuel L. Thorndike, Master 3d Veil.
John Mason, Master 2d Veil.
Daniel H. Jewett, Master 1st Veil.
Alvah Kendall, Treasurer.
Henry A. Brown, Secretary.
Henry Hubon, Senior Steward.
Addison Goodhue, Junior Steward.
Edward Rea, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 92. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18. Regular Meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

### ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD, A. L. 5816.

Timothy Ingraham, High Priest,
John B. Baylies, King.
Wanton T. Drew, Scribe.
David Brayton, Captain of the Host.
Jacob R. Hadley, Principal Sojourner.
Lucius H. Morrill, Royal Arch Captain.
William W. Arnold, Master 3d Veil.
William E. Mason, Master 2d Veil.
Shipley W. Bumpus, Master 1st Veil.
Edward Stetson, Treasurer.
Henry A. Edwards, Secretary.
Moses G. Thomas, Chaplain.
John Fuller, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 160. Candidates Exalted, 19. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

### MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD, A. L. 5817.

William S. Shurtleff, High Priest.

A. E. Hayward, King.

Amos Call, Scribe.

C. R. Benton, Captain of the Host.

A. H. Kirkham, Principal Sojourner.

J. D. Gibbons, Royal Arch Captain.

R. E. Cooper, Master 3d Veil.

A. Foth, Master 2d Veil.

C. D. Leet, Master 1st Veil.

S. E. Bailey, Treasurer.

R. B. Treadwell, Secretary.

Dana Reed, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 133. Candidates Exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30. Regular Meetings on the first Friday of each month.

### FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD, A. L. 5817.

David Lyon, High Priest.

C. L. Fiske, King.

Anson Mitchell, Scribe.

W. T. Davis, Captain of the Host,

William F. Barrett, Principal Sojourner.

David Hunter, Royal Arch Captain.

T. W. Ripley, Master 3d Veil.

E. J. Rice, Master 2d Veil.

C. E. Fiske, Master 1st Veil.

R. Howland, Treasurer.

H. D. Mirch, Secretary.

E. P. Graves, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 55. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6. Regular Meetings on Wednesday after full moon.

### ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5818.

John K. Hall, High Priest.
Frederic A. Peirce, King.
William F. Knowles, Scribe.
Caleb Rand, Captain of the Host.
John F. Currier, Principal Sojourner.
Robert L. Davis, Royal Arch Captain.
William E. Gaskin, Master 3d Veil.
Hamlin W. Keyes, Master 2d Veil.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Master 1st Veil.
Benjamin F. Nourse, Treasurer.
Theodore H. Emmons, Secretary.
John W. Dadmun, Chaplain.
Niels Jacobs, Senior Steward.
George O. Townsend, Junior Steward.
William C. Martin, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 282. Candidates Exalted, 39. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$123. Regular Meetings third Tuesday of each month.

### MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON, A. L. 5820.

George Talbot, High Priest.
George B. Blake, King.
Eben Capen, Scribe.
James Swan, Captain of the Host.
Simon T. Drake, Principal Sojourner.
Azel Capen, Royal Arch Captain.
Jonathan R. Gay, Master 3d Veil.
Bradford Kinsley, Master 2d Veil.
Hiram Gay, Master 1st Veil.
Lemuel Gay, Treasurer.
Ansel Capen, Secretary.
Benjamin F. Savels, Senior Steward.
John McKeehan, Junior Steward.

Present number of Members, 31. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings on Friday preceding the full moon.

### THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG, A. L. 5821.

George Sherwin, High Priest. Daniel W. Tuttle, King. Arnold Wilson, Scribe. Jonas A. Marshall, Captain of the Host.
William J. Merriam, Principal Sojourner.
W. C. Upton, Royal Arch Captain.
C. L. Tenney, Master 3d Veil.
H. J. Lowe, Master 2d Veil.
Henry T. Pratt, Master 1st Veil.
H. G. Lyon, Treasurer.
John Burney, Secretary.
E. W. Coffin, Chaplain.
G. Wheelock, Senior Steward.
D. C. Buck, Junior Steward.
Joseph Peirce, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 51. Candidates Exalted, 5. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21. Regular Meetings on Wednesday preceding full moon.

### WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER, A. L. 5823.

Henry Goddard, High Priest.
Benjamin Lewis, King.
Seth P. Miller, Scribe.
C. H. Broad, Captain of the Host.
Richard Fisk, Principal Sojourner.
Lyman Brooks, Royal Arch Captain.
I. H. Osgood, Master 3d Veil.
J. H. Robinson, Master 2d Veil,
C. G. Reed, Master 1st Veil.
Asa Walker, Treasurer.
Daniel Seagrave, Secretary.
Hollis Ball, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 75. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings second Friday of each month.

### MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD, A L. 5824.

Leonard J. Wilson, High Priest.
Lyman Maynard, King.
Stephen Matthewson, Scribe.
John S. Cox, Captain of the Host.
Leonard Wakefield, Principal Sojourner.
George E. Stacy, Royal Arch Captain.
Charles S. Eames, Master 3d Veil.
Franklin D. Howe, Master 2d Veil.

Henry C. Skinner, Master 1st Veil. Leonard Hunt, Treasurer. Aaron M. Leland, Secretary. Leonard Wakefield, Chaplain. Amasa H. Fisher, Senior Steward. Samuel H. Gardner, Junior Steward. John M. Wood, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 80. Candidates Exalted, 9. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$33. Regular Meetings on Thursday following full moon.

### NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON, A. L. 5825.

David W. Crafts, High Priest.
Charles S. Pratt, King.
Luther W. Hamilton, Scribe.
George F. Wright, Captain of the Host.
William D. Axtill, Principal Sojourner.
Samuel W. Lee, Jr., Royal Arch Captain,
Seth Bliss, Master 3d Veil.
Christopher Clark, Master 2d Veil.
Cyrus White, Master 1st Veil,
Ansil Wright, Treasurer.
Amasa D. Wade, Secretary.
Horace F. Morse, Chaplain.
I. W. Nichols, Senior Steward.
Joseph W. Wilson, Junior Steward.
Alvin S. Field, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 64. Candidates Exalted 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27. Regular Meetings first Wednesday of each month.

### SUTTON CHAPTER, SUTTON, A. L. 5826.

W. G. Scandlin, High Priest. Nelson Cowing, King.

J. W. Slocomb, Scribe.

E. W. Ainsworth, Captain of the Host.

G. W. Cromb, Jr., Principal Sojourner.

G. F. Slocomb, Royal Arch Captain.

Levi Rawson, Master 3d Veil.

W. D. Wheeler, Master 2d Veil.

E. J. Leland, Master 1st Veil.

J. D. Wheeler, Treasurer.

John E. Bacon, Secretary.

Present number of Members, 33. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18. Regular Meetings Tuesday on or preceding full moon.

### CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM, A. L. 5826.

Jonathan Greenwood, High Priest.

A. C. Felton, King.

S. A. Hastings, Scribe.

D. C. Hoyt, Captain of the Host.

S. B. Wilde, Principal Sojourner.

D. M. Gerry, Royal Arch Captain.

Franklin Cloyes, Master 3d Veil.

N. S. Winch, Master 2d Veil.

C. F. Morse, Master 1st Veil.

Adam Hemenway, 2d, Treasurer.

C. R. Prentice, Secretary.

J. C. Whiston, Chaplain.

Miranda Page, Senior Steward.

J. K. Felch, Junior Steward.

George W. Mansur, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 39. Candidates Exalted, 1. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$9. Regular Meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

# MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL, A. L. 5826.

Jonathan P. Folsom, High Priest.

Goorge W. Bedlow, King.

Horum Hosford, Scribe.

Thomas G. Gerrish, Captain of the Host.

Samuel T. Lancaster, Principal Sojourner.

R. J. Walker, Royal Arch Captain. .

T. L. P. Lamson, Master 3d Veil.

Hiram N. Hall, Master 2d Veil.

James C. Abbot, Master 1st Veil.

Edward Tuck, Treasurer.

J. E. Short, Jr., Secretary.

Theodore Edson, Chaplain.

J. W. B. Shaw, Senior Steward.

W. J. Burnham, Junior Steward.

A. W. Fisher, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 136. Candidates Exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39. Regular Meetings Monday on or preceding the full of the moon.

# ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON, A. L. 5854.

George T. Sampson, High Priest.
Stephen Merrill, King.
Samuel L. Fowle, Scribe.
E. J. Cleveland, Captain of the Host.
F. W. Dunbar, Principal Sojourner.
John Garney Royal Arch Captain.
Nathaniel Haley, Master 3d Veil.
Thomas Nickerson, Master 2d Veil.
William B. Whitcomb, Master 1st Veil.
Samuel Fowle, Treasurer.
Harvey T. Litchfield, Secretary.
Richard Libby, Chaplain.
J. H. Norwood, Senior Steward.
William H. Varney, Junior Steward.
S. W. Gleason, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 65. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6. Regular Meetings fourth Monday of each month.

# CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA, A. L. 5855.

Eben W. Lothrop, High Priest.
George W. Churchill, King.
George H. Marden, Scribe.
Charles M. Avery, Captain of the Host.
Charles T. Gay, Principal Sojourner.
Charles F. Haynes, Royal Arch Captain.
Erastus F. Dana, Master 3d Veil.
Benjamin H. Atkins, Master 2d Veil.
Alexander Campbell, Master 1st Veil.
Slade Luther, Treasurer.
Charles Caldwell, Secretary.
Charles A. Leonard, Chaplain.
P. P. P. Ware, Senior Steward.
H. D. Bailey, Junior Steward.
Charles Howard, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 95. Candidates Exalted, 18. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60. Regular Meetings second Wednesday in each month.

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### ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS, A. L. 5856.

Rufus S. Pope, High Priest.
Sylvester Baxter, King.
N. D. Kelley, 2d, Scribe.
J. K. Baker, Jr., Captain of the Host.
V. B. Nickerson, Principal Sojourner.
Frederick Hibard, Royal Arch Captain.
Sylvester Baker, Jr., Master 3d Veil.
George J. Miller, Master 2d Veil.
Hartson Hallet, Master 1st Veil.
Alexander Baxter, Treasurer.
Alvan S. Hallet, Secretary.
Elisha Bacon, Chaplain.
S. B. Phinney, Senior Steward.
I. M. Day, Junior Steward.
John H. Frost, Tyler

Present number of Members, 35. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$12. Regular Meetings Thursday on or before full moon.

# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL, A. L. 5856.

George W. George, High Priest.
Daniel Fitts, King.
George H. Hoyt, Scribe.
Rufus T. Slocumb, Captain of the Host.
James E. Gale, Principal Sojourner.
F. C. Swan, Royal Arch Captain.
A. L. Kimball, Master 3d Veil.
F. I. Stevens, Master 2d Veil.
Charles J. Taggart, Master 1st Veil.
John P. Randall, Treasurer.
John M. Poor, Secretary.
C. H. Seymour, Chaplain.
C. W. Chase, Senior Steward.
Alfred G. Taggart, Junior Steward.
A. G. Bradley, Tyler.

Present number af Members, 43. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6. Regular Meetings first Friday in each month.

# BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD, A. L. 5858.

Lorenzo H. Gamwell, High Priest.

Frank Weston, King.

E. F. Ensign, Scribe.

Daniel Upton, Captain of the Host.

G. V. Bristol, Principal Sojourner.

J. N. Dunham, Royal Arch Captain.

H. S. Briggs, Master 3d Veil.

C. M. Whieldon, Master 2d Veil.

A. N. Allen, Master 1st Veil.

I. Carter, Treasurer.

G. A. Murdock, Secretary.

D. H. Bassett, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 28. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18. Regular Meetings 1st and 3d Thursday of each month.

# KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, ENFIELD, A. L. 5858.

Daniel B. Gillett, High Priest.
John Crosby, King.
Stephen Douglas, Scribe.
C. F. Woods, Captain of the Host.
I. F. Jordan, Principal Sojourner.
John L. Wilson, Royal Arch Captain.
Joseph W. Winslow, Master 3d Veil.
Micah H. Gross, Master 2d Veil.
Geo. Robinson, Master 1st Veil.
Aaron Woods, Treasurer.
I. B. Woods, Secretary.
Henry Fobes, Chaplain.
Thomas Smith, Senior Steward.
Samuel Phelps, Junior Steward.
Robert Powers, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 21. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6. Regular Meetings on Thursday next after Tuesday preceding full moon.

### KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH, A L. 5860.

W. R. Thomes, High Priest.
J. E. Carpenter, King.
Henry S. Clarke, Scribe.
Carmi Richmond, Captain of the Host.
W. H. Thomas, Principal Sojourner.
L. E. Carpenter, Royal Arch Captain.
John F. Shepard, Master 3d Veil.
Edwin Richmond, Master 2d Veil.
William Graves, Master 1st Veil.
Charles M. Dean, Treasurer.
E. Smith, Secretary.
C. A. Bradley, Chaplain.
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N. B. Wilmarth, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 14. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after the full moon.

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Joseph W. Smith, Scribe.
Wm. H. Jaquith, Captain of the Host.
Geo. W. Tarr, Principal Sojourner.
W. B. Hayden, Royal Arch Captain.
Bailey Rundlett, Master 3d Veil.
John B. Atkinson, Master 2d Veil.
Samuel Sawyer, Master 1st Veil.
W. H. Jaquith, Treasurer.
Ebenezer Sawyer, Secretary.
W. H. Fernald, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 13. Candidates Exalted, 15. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45. Regular Meetings last Wednesday of each month.

PILGRIM CHAPTER, ATTLEBOROUGH, A. L. 5862, U. D.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# GRAND R. A. CHAPTER

OF

# MASSACHUSETTS,

FROM

DECEMBER 9, 1862, TO SEPTEMBER 8, 1863, INCLUSIVE.

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# GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS

FROM

DECEMBER 9, 1862, TO SEPTEMBER 8, 1863.

STATED MEETING — DECEMBER 9, 1862.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, A. D. 1862, R. A. M. 2395.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
  - " Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
  - " James Kimball, Grand Scribe, p. t.
  - E. Caleb Rand, Grand Captain of the Host.
  - " James R. Gardner, Grand Principal Sojourner.
  - " Theo. H. Emmons, Grand Royal Arch Capt.
  - ." Wm. F. Knowles, Master 3d Veil, p. t.
  - " James A. Maynard, G. Master 2d Veil, p, t.
  - " Alfred F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil, p. t.
  - " Rufus S. Pope,
    " John P. Robinson,
    - Grand Chaplains.
  - " George Talbot, Grand Treasurer, p. t.
  - " Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - " William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

J. McClellan, E. W. Tolman, W. Lewis, A. A. Dame, Richard Briggs.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last Meeting was read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's. King Cyrus, Washington, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, Shekinah, Orient, Berkshire, King Solomon's, and Morning Star.

M. E. Charles C. Dame, in behalf of the Committee on Regala, reported progress, and at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

The Grand Chapter having assembled at 9, A. M., the lecture on the Mark degree was given, and the work exemplified; in the afternoon the lecture on the Royal Arch degree was given, and the work on this degree exemplified.

Voted, That the dispensation to Pilgrim Chapter, of Abington, be extended for the space of six months.

Comp. Alfred F. Chapman was appointed Grand Lecturer by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

A lengthy discussion took place, and a free interchange of views by several members, respecting the phraseology of some parts of the ritual, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

# STATED MEETING-MARCH 10, 1863.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, March 10, A. D. 1863.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
  - " Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
  - " Moses H. Fowler, Grand Scribe.
  - E. Lyman B. Meston, G. Captain of the Host, p. t.
  - " James R. Gardner, G. Principal Sojourner.
  - " Theodore H. Emmons, G. Royal Arch Captain.
  - " G. Master 3d Veil.
  - " Marshall Elmer, G. Master 2d Veil.
  - " A. F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil.
  - " Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
  - " Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - " Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Grand Chaplain.
  - " John McClellan, Committee of Finance.
  - " Samuel Millard, Committee of Charity.
  - " James Kimball, Committee of Correspondence.

### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

W. Lewis, E. W. Tolman, E. M. P. Wells, and A. A. Dame.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last meeting read by the Grand Secretary.

The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrews, King Cyrus, Washington, Morning Star, Thomas, Mount Horeb, Orient and Mount Sinai.

A Petition was presented, signed by Smith W. Nichols, Freeman Baker, A. W. Banfield, Daniel Russell, J. Bowditch, Oliver Wythe, John Botume, Jr., Charles Copeland, William Hurd, J. M. Beckett, George W. Copeland, W. H. Richardson, M. Pattee, J. H. Waitt, John Greer, Samuel Tidd, Geo. O. Carpenter, P. D. Walbridge, H.

O. Allen, Geo. W. Heath, F. A. Messenger, S. O. Dearborn, Lyman Dike, Daniel Norton, Jr., J. W. Fairbanks, W. Bogle, Jos. A. Fairbanks, Wm. K. Spinney, A. P. Perkins, L. L. Fuller, J. W. Russell, John B. Gillett, Geo. P. Cox, Henry A. Wilder, Henry E. Turner, Jonathan W. Chapman, Isaac A. Stiles, and F. J. Foss, (38,) praying for a Dispensation, empowering them to form a new Chapter at Melrose, by the name of Waverly Royal Arch Chapter. This petitiou was referred to a Committee, consisting of M. E. Comps. John McClellan, James Kimball, and A. F. Chapman. This Committee subsequently reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the Report was unanimously accepted.

M. E. Comp. McClellan, in behalf of the Committee on Regalia, reported progress, and, at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

The case of Sutton Royal Arch Chapter, which has recently suffered a serious loss by fire, was referred to a Committee, consisting of Comps. Peter C. Jones, Charles C. Dame, and T. H. Emmons, to consider and report.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Jones it was

Voted, That a donation of one hundred dollars, from the funds of the Grand Chapter, be granted to the "Discharged Soldiers' Home," in this city.

On motion of M. E. Comp. McClellan, it was

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be donated to the "Boston Masonic Board of Relief."

The business of the meeting having been concluded the Grand Chapter was closed, in ample form, at 8 o'clock.

## STATED MEETING-June 9, 1863.

A Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, June 9, A. D. 1863, R. A. M. 2396.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
  - Albert H. Kirkham, Deputy G. High Priest.
  - Charles C. Dame, Grand King. "
  - Grand Scribe.
  - E. Caleb Rand, G. Capt. of the Host.
  - " G. Principal Sojourner.
  - 66 Theodore H. Emmons, G. Royal Arch Captain.
  - 66 A. A. Dame, G. Master 3d Veil, p. t.
  - " G. Master 2d Veil.
    - Alfred F. Chapman, G. Master 1st Veil.
    - " Peter C. Jones, Grand Treasurer.
  - " Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.
  - Rev. Rufus S. Pope,
    "John P. Robinson, Grand Chaplains. " "
  - William L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturers. "

# PERMANENT MEMBERS.

James Kimball, John McClellan, Sam'l Millard, Richard Briggs, William W. Baker, and Geo. Sherwin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the Records of the last Stated meeting read and approved.

Comp. Peter C. Jones submitted the following

#### REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sutton Royal Arch Chapter for leave to surrender its Charter, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

PETER C. JONES, For the Committee.

Boston, June 9, 1863.

Voted, That the foregoing report be accepted, and that the amount now due from Sutton Chapter to this Grand Chapter, be remitted.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.—

To the M. E. High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Gr. Chapter of Massachusetts,—

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, March 10, 1863, at 8 o'clock P. M., M. E. William J. Merriam, of Thomas Chapter, Fitchburg; M. E. Isaac D. Gibbons, of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield; M. E. Jonathan P. Folsom, of Mt. Horeb Chapter, Lowell; M. E. John N. Pike, of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, were admitted and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,

Sec. of the Mass. Con. of H. Priests.

A petition for a new Chapter, by the name of St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter, to be located at South Boston, signed by Benj. Dean, D. McB. Thaxter, C. A. Walker, Charles Robbins, Joseph W. Howard, Samuel R. Spinney, John H. Fogg, John M. Gilbert, Joseph W. Tapley, Hugh M. Calley, Richard M. Barker, N. A. Apolloni, E. H. Brainard and F. Walbridge, was presented, and committed to Comps. John McClellan, Samuel Millard and Wm. W. Whitmarsh; this Committee subsequently reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the Report was unanimously adopted.

A petition for a new Chapter, by the name of Hampden Royal Arch Chapter, to be located in the town of Palmer, signed by S. G. Shaw, Marshall Fox, F. J. Wassum, James B. Shaw, James Robinson, E. B. Shaw, Nehemiah Smith, N. F. Rogers, W. W. Cross, E. C. Robinson, Daniel B. Moody, Elisha W. Shales, R. M. Reynolds, E. F. Morris, J. B. Williams, J. L. Reynolds, John Thayer and D. B. Hannum, was presented, and referred to Comps. A. H. Kirkham, T. H. Emmons and

A. A. Dame, to consider and report, which Committee reported as follows:—

The Committee, upon the petition of S. G. Shaw and others, for Dispensation for a Royal Arch Chapter in Palmer, to be called Hampden Royal Arch Chapter, report that, in their opinion, it is advisable that their prayer be granted.

A. H. KIRKHAM, T. H. EMMONS, A. A. DAME,

The foregoing Report was read and accepted.

A petition, signed by W. B. C. Pearsons, N. W. Quint, John A. Day, Henry Wheeler, W. H. Cook, T. H. Wellington, A. B. Clarke, A. C. Slater and Q. W. Lovering, for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Holyoke, was presented, and committed to Comps. Daniel Reynolds, William W. Baker and R. E. Pope, who subsequently submitted the following Report:—

Boston, June 9, 1863.

The Committee appointed on the foregoing petition, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to

### REPORT,

That after a due consideration of the subject, as far as their means of information would allow, they find that the petition is wanting in a recommendation from the nearest Chapter, that is to say, Morning Star Chapter; also, they find that the petitioners are not vouched for, according to Article 8 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter; therefore, your committee would recommend that the petition lay upon the table until the next quarterly communication, or, until such time as the petitioners, having complied with the necessary requirements, to warrant the M. E. High Priest to issue the necessary Dispensation.

DANIEL REYNOLDS, WM. W. BAKER, R. E. POPE,

The foregoing Report was read and accepted.

On the petition of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter at Enfield, for leave to remove to Weare, it was

Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the "Discharged Soldiers' Home," acknowledging the receipt of a donation of one hundred dollars, voted by the Grand Chapter at its meeting in March last.

The petition of Comps. Elihu C. Baker, Samuel C. Lawrence, Ben. A. Hersey, Nehemiah T. Merritt, Henry H. Gilmore, Luther Farwell, George L. Barr, Daniel W. Lawrence, James H. Archibald, George S. Sullivan, Otis W. Eaton, William M. Miller, E. N. Blake, Wm. Pratt, A. K. P. Joy, D. N. Skillings, James Durgin, George H. Conn and S. P. Bartlett, for a Warrant to establish a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Medford, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of M. E. Comps. James Kimball, Charles C. Dame and Caleb Rand. This Committee having been authorized to communicate to the M. E. Grand High Priest their decision on the subject matter of the foregoing petition at a future day, subsequently submitted the following Report:-

To the M. E. Solon Thornton, Esq., Grand High Pricst of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts,—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elihu C. Baker and eighteen other Royal Arch Masons, for a Warrant empowering them to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Medford, and to bear the name of Mystic Chapter, would

## REPORT,

That they gave the petitioners a hearing on the evening of the 8th, and again on the 26th of June, and after hearing all parties interested, and giving a careful consideration to the whole subject in relation to its influence on the Chapter now under Dispensation in the town of Melrose, and believing that it will be for the convenience and advantage of the Fratarnity, would recommend that a Warrant be granted to your petitioners.

JAMES KIMBALL,
CHARLES C. DAME,
CALEB RAND,
CALEB RAND,

The foregoing Report was approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and a Warrant granted to the petitioners therein named.

# ANNUAL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 8, 1862.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 8th, A. D. 1863. R. A. M. 2396.

#### PRESENT.

- M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest.
  - Charles C. Dame, Grand King.
  - " James Kimball, Grand Scribe, p. t.
  - Ε. Caleb Rand, G. Capt. of the Host.
  - Theodore H. Emmons, G. R. Arch Capt.
  - " Alfred F. Chapman, G. M. 1st V.
  - Peter C. Jones, G. Treasurer.
  - Thomas Waterman, G. Secretary.
  - Lyman B. Meston, G. Steward.
  - " Wm. L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturer.
  - 66 Rufus S. Pope, G. Chaplains. John P. Robinson,
  - 66 John McClellan,
  - Committee of Finance. " Richard Briggs,
  - " William F. Knowles,
  - James Kimball, Com. of For. Correspondence.

### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Robert Keith, E. M. P. Wells, Wm. Parkman, E. W. Tolman, A. A. Dame, Samuel Millard, Henry Goddard, George Sherwin, E. A. Raymond.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. The following Chapters were represented:-

St. Andrew's, King Cyrus, Washington, Adoniram, Morning Star, St. Paul's, Thomas, Worcester, Shekinah, Orient.

A petition for a new Chapter, to be located in the city of Lynn, signed by Henry C. Oliver, Wm. C. Maxwell, Wm. V. Spinney, A. C. Blethen, John G. Dudley, C. W. Wilson, James A. Austin, John H. Bean, William B. Phillips, John C. Myer, Augustus L. Curtin, E. F. Estes, Josiah Brown, James F. Hartshorn, Jr., Benj. H. Atkins, W. H. Stone, Chas. G. Hill, Joshua C. Eldred, James W. Murray and Samuel H. Gardner, was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of M. E. Companions James Kimball, John McClellan and William Parkman. This Committee submitted the following

#### REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion Henry C. Oliver and nineteen other Royal Arch Masons, for a Warrant empowering them to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Lynn, to be styled Sutton Chapter, would Report, that from the evidence presented to your committee of the correct moral standing of your petitioners in the community where they reside, and of their acquaintance with the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees, and also of the number that are now ready to receive the Degrees, should a Warrant be granted, would recommend to the Grand Chapter to authorize the M. E. G. High Priest to grant them a Warrant when they shall furnish him the requisite recommendation of the nearest Chapter, as required by Article 8 of the Constitution, such certificate not accompanying the petition.

JAMES KIMBALL, for Committee.

By direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest, a Warrant was issued to the Companions named in the foregoing petition, they having complied with the requisitions of the Grand Chapter in such cases made and provided. The Warrant, bearing date September 9, A. D. 1863, to continue in force until the Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter in September, 1864.

M. E. James Kimball, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following

### REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Massachusetts-

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Massachusetts, in presenting their first Annual Report, enters upon its duties with many misgivings. Many of the Grand Chapters heretofore in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, have, from the force of circumstances, been compelled, for a season, to forego that privilege. The importance of possessing a thorough knowledge of all those questions that affect these Grand Bodies renders the duty one of more than ordinary importance.

Trusting that with the paucity of material, and the little time that I have been able to devote to this duty, that it may be received in the spirit in which it is offered; an earnest desire to add another link to that golden chain of love and sympathy which is bound around our Fraternity, uniting us, as one great family, in the interchange of those fraternal relations which should never be permitted to be sundered, even under the most trying circumstances.

We have examined the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters,—all that have been received:—

Iowa,	Annual	Convocation	May, 1862.
Kentucky,	"	66	Oct. 1862.
Missouri,	66	66	May, 1863.
Michigan,	"	66	Jan. 1863.
Maine,	"	"	May, 1863.
New Jersey,	"	46	Sept. 1862.
New Hampshire,	"	"	June, 1862.
Oregon,	"	"	Sept. 1861 and 1862.
Pennsylvania,	486	"	Feb. 1863.
Vermont,	"	66	Oct. 1862.
Wisconsin,	"	66	Feb. 1863.

It is a source of satisfaction to find that from all the Proceedings which have reached us, there come words of cheer, and confidence in the future of our government. Let us by no act of ours, do anything that will tend to weaken or destroy it, ever treasuring up in our hearts one of the first lessons taught us upon entering the Masonic Temple, that "As a citizen, you are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have the tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws under whose protection

you live, and by never loosing sight of the allegiance due to your Country."

We would now present a brief review of these Proceedings:-

### IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Keokuk on the 31st of May, 1862. M. E. C. Stewart Ellis, presiding.

This Grand Chapter held a session of three days, during which time, the Work of the several Degrees was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer; the business was chiefly of a local character. Several questions on Masonic Jurisprudence were reported on, which will be noticed hereafter. The Gr. High Priest in his address, remarks:—

"That he finds upon visitation and inquiry, that a lack of interest exists in a majority of Chapters comprising this Jurisdiction; this I attribute to the want of a more perfect knowledge of the Work and Lectures in the several degrees. I will therefore suggest that a thorough, critical and earnest exemplification of the Work be had at the present session, to the end that zeal may be infused into the subordinate Chapters and the prosperity of our Order extended thereby."

Upon the condition of our country, and our duty in the present crisis, he thus speaks:

"Amid this turmoil and strife, what becomes our duty as loyal men and correct Masons? Shall we stand idly by while the great contest is raging, and refuse by our silence to give aid and encouragement to those of our Brethren and Companions, who with daring heroism, and self sacrificing devotion are nobly striving for the maintenance of the Government? Or, shall we not rather speak out boldly for the right; proclaiming to the world that he who is disloyal to his country is unfaithful to the requirements of the Order; that he who strikes with fratricidal hand at the Constitution and the Laws, severs the tie which entitles him to our charity and sympathy.

Companions, we will countenance no disloyalty; we can only be true to ourselves, our Order, and man's highest happiness, by being true to the Constitution and the Union. Then let our thoughts, our hopes, our prayers, be of and for our country."

The G. Secretary, in his Report, refers to the non-reception of the proceeding from G. Chapters, and remarks:

"That, owing to the war, many of the Jurisdictions with which we have been heretofore in correspondence have been inaccessible; greatly reducing the number of our exchanges, and cutting us off from intelligence as to their action. It will be the endeavor of the Grand

Secretary, on the re-establishment of mail facilities, to renew those broken links in the chain of our Masonic history."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a very interesting Report—reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters. In noticing the present unhappy condition of our Nation, they use the following language, which should be impressed upon the heart of every Mason: "Let us all restrain our passions, and guard our words and actions, that nothing that we may say or do, as Royal Arch Masons, shall tend to deepen or widen the gulf now yawning between us; let us be careful to do nothing as Masons to exasperate or wound the feelings of any Companion in any portion of the world."

From the proceedings, we notice several discussions on Masonic Law. On these questions we are sorry to find a diversity of opinion. "Resolved, That Sec. 9 of the miscellaneous regulations of the G. Chapter be amended, by adding to the 1st Sec.,

Except in case of suspension for non-payment of dues, in which case the Companion shall be restored on payment of his dues up to the time of suspension, and a vote of two-thirds of all the members present."

In Wisconsin, if suspended for the non-payment of dues only, he is restored to membership upon the payment, or remission of the sum, without a vote of the Chapter. This, I think, is in accordance with the true spirit of our Institution; it is not a crime against Masonic Law to be unfortunate and unable to meet promptly our liabilities, but a misfortune requiring our sympathies. I think there has never been a decision in Massachusetts upon this question.

M. E. Caleb Lamb was elected Gr. H. P., and R. E. W. B. Lang-ridge was re-elected Gr. Secretary.

9	of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	27
66	Members,	499
"	Exaltations the last year,	17.

### KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Louisville, on the 20th of Oct., 1862. M. E. Theodore Kohlhass, G. H. P., presiding:—

The severe trials through which our Companions under this Jurisdiction have been called to pass, has caused the usual interest in Chapter Work to give way to the sterner duties of protecting their homes, and all that they held dear, from the perils and dangers incident to a state of civil and fratricidal strife.

The M. E. High Priestin his address says :- " An eventful year has passed since our last Convocation; eventful to our once happy country, and not less so to our ancient and honorable Order of civil strife, and the universal and necessary preoccupation of the mind of the country with the great and terrible things of that strife, Masonry has languished. I regret that I cannot congratulate you upon the prosperity of our Order. Many of our Companions have fallen in their country's service, in the camp, and in the field, and far from the kind hands of a Brother Mason. Let us weep over those sad events, and pray for a restoration of the happy days, before the beginning of these dark and gloomy ones."

In closing his address, he says:-" I have only to express the wish that our deliberations may be characterized by proper decorum, and that they may result beneficially to Royal Arch Masonry, leaving with each and all of us a consciousness of having faithfully and loyally discharged our duty."

Resolutions of sympathy, were adopted, relative to the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Thomas Ware and Henry Wingate, and memorial pages containing the dates of their births and deaths, published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. Companion Ware was struck down in the heat of battle, under the shadow of his own home, in sight of his family, whilst defending the Flag of his Country. Companion Wingate, in his own home, in the arms of the loved ones there, quietly breathed out his allotted time, hopeful, and confident in the hope of a happy immortality.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received and examined the proceedings of eleven Grand Chapters, but make no extended report. We truly sympathize with our Companions in their trials and sufferings, and trust that by a firm reliance upon the great "I AM," they may be enabled to pass through those trials with a con-

sciousness of having nobly performed their duty. Abstract of Returns as published in last proceedings, Oct. 1862.

Number of Chapters, 71 " Members, 564 Exaltations, 56. Returns from twenty Chapters only have been made to the Grand

Secretary. M. E. Thomas Saddler, of Paris, was elected and installed as G. H.

Priest; E. Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Gr. Sec.

### MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation of the G. R. A. Chapter of this State was held in the city of St. Louis, on the 20th of May, 1863. R. E. William Bandon, Gr. King, as G. H. P., presiding.

The Grand High Priest being absent, his address was presented and read, from which we learn that he had, during the past year, granted a Dispensation to open a Chapter at De Kalb, in the county of Buchanan, and commissioned M. E. Comp. Wallingford, of Western Chapter, to organize the same. By virtue of this authority he organized Ringo Chapter, and exalted 18 members.

The High Priest in his address says:—"My official correspondence has been rather limited in consequence of the distracted condition of the country, growing out of the present rebellion. A few of the subordinate Chapters have been doing a flourishing business in the way of exalting new members, but the majority have been hard run, to keep up the necessary meetings, to prevent a forfeiture of their Charters."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. E. C. A. O'Sullivan, Gr. Sec.; we present his closing remarks:—"Let us as Royal Arch Masons remember that our mission is to reconstruct; to rebuild our moral temple; to restore, not to destroy; to reconcile differences, not to widen them, and having professed 'to subdue our passions,' let us prove the sincerity of our profession by our practice. If true to our teaching, we will labor to allay, not to excite the passions of our fellow-men, and will remember, that however much some of our Companions may have forgotten the precepts of our Order, we look forward to the time when regretting the past, they will again unite with their Companions everywhere, and be found as of old, worshiping at the same Altar, praying to the same God."

The Work of the several Degrees was exemplified by the Gr. Sec., and the subjoined Resolution adopted:—"That the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees, as taught and exemplified at this Grand Convocation by R. E. Com. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Lecturer, be approved, and the several subordinate Chapters under this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby ordered and instructed to observe the same so far as it shall come to their knowledge."

Owing to the distracted condition of affairs within the State of Missisouri, affecting as it must have done the social relations of the whole people, a large number of Chapters have made no returns. We trust that the time is not far distant when Peace may smile upon her as a

united people, and that those altars on which the fires have been suffered to burn dim, may be rekindled and burn as of old, "so that the glory of the latter shall be greater than the former."

Abstract from Returns to May, 1863:-

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction 27

"Members, per returns, 677

12 Chapters have failed to make returns—estimated 374—1051

Exaltations the last year, 107

M. E. James N. Barnes, of Weston, was installed as G. H. P., and E. A. O'Sullivan, of St. Louis, as G. Sec.

#### MICHIGAN.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was holden in the city of Detroit, commencing on Monday, the 12th of January, 1863. M. E. Benjamin Porter, Gr. H. P., presiding.

The attendance was large, during a session of three days, and every Chapter under the Jurisdiction was well represented, proving that Royal Arch Masonry is a living reality in Michigan. From the very excellent address of the Gr. H. P. Porter, we present an extract referring to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, he says:—
"I hope, however, that the causes which have postponed the Convocation will pass away, and that those Triennial Convocations of the Royal Craft from all parts of our extended Jurisdiction which have heretofore served as a silken chain, binding in fraternal bonds Chapters North and South, will be resumed, and we of the North-West be able to greet our Southern Companions as members of a common Order, and a common nation."

The G. H. P. acknowledges the reception of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and says:—"I notice the official reception of these proceedings, because it evinces a desire on the part of our Southern Grand Chapters, although separated politically from us, to keep our fraternal bonds as strong as ever."

On the present condition of the country, he remarks:—"My Companpanions, may we not ask ourselves, whither is this struggle tending? Of what use to us, as freemen of the North, will be the sacrifices made? Of what use the hundred battlefields, where our Brothers' blood has flown like water, unless their sacrifice has been made to maintain and defend our liberty. Let us hope that the million and a half of noble men in our armies are now fighting to spread the safeguards of our Constitution over the whole country.

I know as well as you, Companions of this Grand Chapter, that from our Halls, political discussion is shut out; but in becoming Masons we cannot forget that we are men, with manly hopes and duties; we should not forget that there are Southern altars, around which gather some of Masonry's brightest lights; we must not forget that our Brothers of the Southern States are descendants with us of a common heritage, and may we not as Masons, in this hour of our country's trial, send forth a voice that shall stop this fratricidal strife before we all sink into a common ruin. I have no apology to make for our Brothers of the South, there is none to make; but as Masons, as representatives of the Royal Craft assembled to legislate for the good of the Order, let us calmly contemplate whither we are drifting. As Masons, we have a two-fold interest in this union of States, and let us not as men, but as Masons, seriously reflect on the condition of our country, and if we have any influence for good, let us in God's name-in the name of our common altars—our common obligations, put forth a voice to bring this contest to a speedy and successful end."

A petition was presented for a Chapter, which was granted, to be located in the town of Hudson, Lenawee county, to be known as Hudson Chapter, No. 28.

The Committee on the Uniformity of Work, presented the following Report and Resolve which were adopted:—" That, in the opinion of your committee, an entire uniformity in conferring the Capitular Degrees, is of essential benefit to the Royal Craft; that the General G. Chapter having confessed their inability to enforce uniformity, and having failed to adopt any Ritual as a standard, it therefore becomes the duty of this G. Chapter, having adopted a Ritual which has been sanctioned by immemorial usage, and is in conformity with the landmarks of the Order, to see that such Work, and such only be used in this Jurisdiction."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, from Com. Johnson, Chairman of Committee, is one of much interest, reviewing very fully the proceedings of eighteen G. Chapters. In their Report, they remark:—
"That the proceedings we have received, everywhere glow with patriotism worthy of men, worthy of Masons. Most of them speak with earnest rebuke of those Companions who have violated their Masonic—while violating their political duties. A very few, content themselves with lamenting the existing state of things; disclaiming, as Masons, all connection with national affairs; seeming to think that Masonry may reunite the country; forgetting, that though Masonry, by spreading the cement of Brotherly kindness—may assuage these evils, yet

if Masonry could not prevent them, something more than Masonry is required to cure them."

We are indebted to our M. E. Com. Johnson, for the following notice of Massachusetts, which, but for his faithfulness and thoroughness, would have been lost to us. From the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for Maryland and District of Columbia, he remarks:—"Com. Stevens in remarking on the proceedings of Massachusetts, says:—"We admire brevity, in reports of this character, but our eminent and venerable sister G. Chapter of that ancient and distinguished Commonwealth, will pardon us for saying that their annual reports alluded to here, are a little too brief to comport with the high position she holds in the Royal Craft."

He thinks there was an abundance of good things for the Companions of that Jurisdiction, but for all others, only an 'apology.'"

The Committee in closing their Report, remark:—"We observe everywhere among our sister Gr. Chapters, the absence of Companions from their Masonic stations. They have joined the armies of the Republic, to aid her in this struggle for existence; may the blessing of God, and all good Masons attend them. Many have lost their lives in the conflict. Of all those, and such as follow them, while we deposit their bodies in the grave, we cherish their memory in our hearts, and commend their spirits to God who gave them."

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	27
" Members	1331
Exaltations the last year	117
M. E. Benjamin Porter, was re-elected G. H. P., and R	. E. J. East-
man Johnson, G. Secretary.	

### MAINE.

The M. E. Gr. Royal Arch Chapter of this State, assembled in Annual Convocation in Portland, on Monday evening, May 4th, 1863. M. E. John J. Bell, G. H. P., presiding.

Every Chapter under this Jurisdiction, was represented. From the Report of the G. H. P., we learn "that the official acts which he has been called on to perform, have not been many"—also of the Consecration and Dedication of Greenleaf Chapter, No. 13, at Portland, in ample form.

He pays a tribute of respect to the memories of Companions Chas. B. Smith, P. Gr. Scribe; James L. Child, P. Dep. Gr. H. P., and Daniel C. Stanwood, P. H. P.; and memorial pages in their proceedings are dedicated to their memories.

The H. P. reports several decisions made by him during the last year; the most important are as follows:—"The Grand High Priest has no authority to grant a Dispensation to fill vacancy in the Council of a Chapter occasioned by death, although he may in a subordinate office." "If a Brother has been elected to take the Degrees in a Chapter, but before advancement objection is made by any member of the Chapter, the ballot is to be regarded as still open; and the Companion making his objection known to the High Priest, the latter will announce to the Chapter, that objection having been made to him by a member of the Chapter, the candidate is rejected. This is in accordance with a decision in the Grand Lodge of Maine."

We think that after the announcement of the objection to the Chapter, that a new ballot should be taken, leaving the responsibility with the member dissenting, and requiring him to perform his Masonic duty of casting a ballot.

This, we think, is in accordance with ancient usage:—"When the Grand Chapter grants to certain Companions a Charter for a Chapter, by that act they are demitted from the Chapter of which they were formerly members."

From the address of the M. E. High Priest, after speaking of the influence and mission of Masonry "in softening to some extent the hardships of war," he concludes :- "The great mission of Masonry, in this conflict, is to remove the hardships of human passion, by forming a neutral place, where men of all parties may meet to practise the highest duties which man owes to his fellow; where the distinctions of North and South, of abolitionist and secessionist are unknown, but all are Brethren. Not that Masonry would hold the least countenance to rebellion; for the contrary has been the uniform teaching of the Fraternity, and no true Mason can be disloyal; yet, in the Lolge, no distinction is to be made, but all are to be taught that beneath all differences of party or sect, there is a universal Brotherhood of man. Even now, may this beneficial influence be exerted; and when, as we hope may soon happen, peace shall once more return to our once beloved country, and her Flag fly out before the breeze unchallenged through the whole of her rightful domain, then will the influence of our Institution, in its silent might, remove much of the bitterness and enmity which the war will leave; then will Masonry prove by its Fraternal bonds the truth of its claim to an origin almost divine. Far more good can we thus do, than, by throwing our Order into the arena of strife, endeavor to bind the passions of men."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from

the pen of Com. Pearl, is, as usual, one of great interest; reviewing and presenting a very full account of the proceedings of fifteen Gr. Chapters; Massachusetts amongst the number. He remarks:—"That the absence of correspondence, which once cheered us, from several of these States, forces upon us the stern recollection that discord has invaded our sacred retreat, with damage to the craftsmen, as well as disaster to our country. A stern, relentless, fratricidal war, still holds out to us its cup of blood, and tears, and woe, desolating many a home, and draping the Royal Arch with the dark symbols of mourning."

We are indebted to Com. Pearl for the following notice of the Gr. Chapter of Louisiana; he having received their proceedings for 1862 -3; the date of their last Convocation is not given; from the address of the M. E. A. L. Washburn, presiding, he quotes:-" Although we have abundant cause for pouring out our souls in gratitude to God, for all his benefits, especially for health and plenty, yet are our hearts saddened, as we miss some of the familiar faces which we have been accustomed to greet at our former reunious. Our much revered P. M. E. Gr. H. Priest, Thomas H. Lewis, whose virtues, talents and zeal have so long and so successfully been exerted in the cause of Masonry. is no more. No more shall we hail that honest, earnest, Spartan face in our midst. No less do we miss another Giblemite, who wrought earnestly and faithfully in our Temple; our excellent Gr. Secretary, Lemuel C. Risk, has fallen a victim to disease, contracted in defence of our country. The faithful and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, the courtesy and kindness which characterized all his official intercourse with his Brethren, will long endear his memory to our hearts."

Of our national conflict, Com. Washburn says:—"An eventful year has transpired since last we were assembled in these Halls. Then, all was peace and prosperity; although the mutterings of the approaching storm might have been heard in the distance, yet we fondly hoped the cloud would dissolve or waste itself ere it reached us; but vain were our hopes. The calamities of a civil strife have fallen upon us: a wicked and inhuman war has been waged against us by those who were late our Brethren, marked by an atrocity and vindictiveness which we had hitherto believed belonged only to a past and barbarous age. With the events of this war you are all familiar, and it is not my design, nor is it proper here to recapitulate them, although we have great cause to be thankful to the God of battles for the degree of success he has hitherto youchsafed to our arms.

The rupture of our late political union, has, of necessity, dissolved our connection with the "General Grand Chapter of the United States," if it has not entirely dissolved that body. It is proper, therefore, that such changes in our Constitution and By-Laws should be made as will adapt them to our altered circumstances."

The Committee on Correspondence report verbally that they have received proceedings from only three or four Grand Chapters, and no report was written, owing to the absence of the Chairman.

That portion of the G. H. P.'s address relative to political changes, was referred to a committee with Past Gr. H. P. Comp. J. Q. A. Fellows as Chairman. This Committee subsequently reported that they do not deem it necessary to propose any definite changes in the present state of affairs, but as the whole code of laws need revision, they recommend the appointment of a Committee to report at the next annual convocation.

Com. Pearl in closing his report, thus speaks:-"The fiery ordeal through which our national government and our civil institutions are now passing, seems destined to accomplish a noble work in developing, elevating and purifying our national life, in accordance with the exalted purpose indicated by the inspired words of the great leader of the hosts of Israel, before he ascended the Mount of Vision, to view the promised land and close his eyes in death. 'And thou shalt remember all, the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments or no.' So we firmly and devoutly believe the furnace of affliction in which our Great High Priest, the Captain of our salvation, is now pleased to try our Royal Institution, is not heated for destruction, but to humble, and prove, and elevate,- 'to purify the dross and take away the tin'-and fit us for a nobler work than we have yet achieved or attempted.

"We have spoken freely and repeatedly in previous reports of the nobler mission of Freemasonry in relation to the integrity of our national union, and the harmony of its disturbing elements. We have nothing to recall—nothing to abate—nothing to regret on that score, unless it be that we would not have uttered more earnest and well chosen words, that might have roused and swayed the Royal Craft for worthier achievements and more cordial sympathy and charity.

"A more commanding voice is speaking now, to be more distinctly heard when the noise of battle is hushed and the red hand of violence shall no more smite, nor the eye of malice kindle with savage ferocity over garments rolled in a Brother's blood. Now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity—these three—but the greatest of these is Charity."

M. E. John J. Bell was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of	f Chapters under this Jurisdiction	13
66	Members	789
. "	Exaltations the past year	88
Residents	not affiliated	111

### NEW JERSEY.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of this Gr. R. A. Chapter was held in the city of Trenton, on the 17th of September, 1862. M. E. Thos. J. Corsen, Gr. H. Priest, presiding.

The proceedings present us with an eloquent address from the Gr. H. Priest. It is replete with noble and patriotic sentiments, spoken in behalf of our common country; sentiments that could only emanate from the heart of a true Mason. We should be glad to transcribe the whole of the address to these pages; but the limit assigned us, will prevent it: we can only present a few extracts: he says:—"The deplorable condition of our country is the subject which now absorbs, and swallows up all things else. Our hearts sicken as we view the sad spectacle now before us. A war, such as the world never saw, is now devastating the land; a war, immense in its proportions, the end of which no man can see. Can we view this sad scene and be unmoved? Shall we, with all the influence which we possess, keep silent at this time? God forbid that we should so violate our plain duty, which is so often, and so forcibly inculcated in the various Degrees of Masonry, 'to be true and loyal to our country.'

Referring to our duties as Masons, in this eventful period of our country's history, and quoting from the ancient charges, as given to candidates upon their initiation, that "In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject; true to the government, and just to your country, you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government under which you live." And referring to the action of several 'Grand Masonic Bodies in times past, upon this all important subject, he says:—"In almost every Masonic Address that has been delivered within the last fifty years, reference is made to Washington, Warren, Franklin and Lafayette, and other such men, and they are held up as exemplars for all future generations. Why is this done? Is it be-

cause they were distinguished for their Masonic knowledge, and noted for their labors in the cause of Freemasonry? Not so, but it is because they were true patriots, to whose exertions and sacrifices, we are indebted for liberty and national greatness. If we can speak of such men with honor and laudation, why can we not refer to our Brethren and Companions now on the field of battle; who are even now fighting and braving death, that those blessings which Washington and his compeers gained for us, may be perpetual to our children and our childrens' children for generations to come?

Nay, my Companions, let us not by a shameful silence even seem to i gnore the trials and dangers which our friends and Brethren are undergoing in our behalf, and the fearful sacrifices of pleasure and comfort, health and life, which they are making, that we may enjoy the benefits of that kind and beneficent government under the fostering care of which this nation has grown to be so great and prosperious unattained and unattainable in any other part of the habitable globe. Let us assure them that they have our warmest sympathy and hearty approbation, and let us at the same time earnestly and devoutly pray that God in His infinite mercy will soon bring this war to a close, that right and justice may be triumphant over wrong, and that peace and prosperity may again blossom over our once happy country."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from Com. Wm. H. Jefferys, is a very able one, covering 24 pages of their proceedings; reviewing the reports and proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. In reference to Massachusetts, he says, referring to the address of the Gr. H. Priest, for 1861:—"We are glad to hear of prosperity from every direction, but especially from Massachusetts, for we have had our fears in the past that there was not sufficient activity in Chapter Masonry in that State to keep up a healthy action of the vital parts. We are glad to know that our fears have been groundless. We hope that at their next Annual Convocation, they will have a Report on Foreign Correspondence."

We can only say, in reply, that perhaps the character of Massachusetts Masonry has been too conservative, no extended reports have been published by any of our Grand Bodies; believing that the general publicity of our proceedings was foreign to the spirit of our Institution.

But we may be permitted to say, in justice to our Order in the old "Bay State," that she is not behind any other State in the Union; either as to quantity or quality of the Work presented for the "completion" of the second Temple, and if our Companion from New Jersey will just make us a visit, he will be satisfied that his "fears are

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groundless," and that Royal Arch Masonry is a living reality in Massachusetts.

The report is a very able one, and is worthy of an extended notice: discussing the necessity, importance and cheerful obedience to a Supreme Authority, and the legitimate effect of this great and governing principle; showing that the grand secret of the permanency of our Ancient Institution, is in the recognition, and of the absolute necessity of positive submission to that authority; and no man can be a good Mason who has not thoroughly learned this lesson.

It gives us pleasure to notice the remarks of the Committee in relation to the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States: he says:—"At such a time as this, the very name of that organization sounds pleasant to the ear, and has a cheering influence on the mind; anything that indicates a fraternal union of men from the several parts of our country, contains within it a germ of hope for the future peace and harmony of the nation."

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

- 1. Resolved, That this Grand Chapter agrees with, and endorses the patriotic sentiments expressed by our Grand High Priest.
- 2. Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby declares that it is the bounden duty of every Mason to be true and loyal to the government of his country, and condemn treason and rebellion as Masonic crimes.

Resolutions were passed and Memorial Pages were inserted in their proceedings to the memories of Harper Crozer, P. H. P. of Three Times Three Chapter; John H. Perkins, P. H. P. of Penlutpa Chapter; Philip Sellew, King, Enterprise Chapter.

M. E. George B. Edwards, was elected and Installed G. H. Priest, and E. John Wolverton, re-elected Gr. Secretary.

Abstract from the Report made, Sept. 1862 :-

Number of	Chapters	12
66	Members	453
и	Exaltations since last report	35

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation of the Gr. R. A. Chapter of this State, was holden at Concord, June 9, 1862. The Grand Chapter was opened in due form: M. E. Samuel E. Wilcox, Deputy Gr. H. Priest, presiding.

There was no business of general importance transacted. The Gr. H. P. not being present, no reference was had to the condition and standing of the Chapters under this Jurisdiction; but from the number of exaltations reported in the returns of last year, we infer that they are in a prosperous condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their Report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Gr. Chapters, and presenting such portions of these reports as were of general interest.

The Committee in closing their report, say:—"That they are happy in being able to state that so far as the proceedings of the various Gr. Chapters give statistical information, they furnish indubitable evidence of a healthful increase of the Royal Craft within their respective borders, and what is vastly more important, they show that no discord exists within their respective Jurisdictions.

Your Committee have taken the liberty to call your attention to several subjects deserving consideration, and have embraced their views in resolutions appended to this Report:"—

- 1. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Gr. Chapter, that the practice of exaltation by substitutes is contrary to, and an evasion of, the spirit and common sense view as Royal Arch Masons, &c.
- 3. Resolved, That the subject matter of receiving applications and conferring the Chapter Degrees upon affiliated Master Masons, be referred to a Special Committee, and that they report a resolution embracing their views thereon.

These resolves were referred to a special committee: on the first resolve they reported in favor of the views as recommended by the committee. Report not adopted. On the 3d Resolve the Committee reported the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recommend and advise the several subordinate Chapters, in this Jurisdiction, to adopt a by-law as early as may be, requiring all candidates for the Degrees to be members in good standing of a regular Lodge of Master Masons."

Abstract from returns to June. 1862 :-

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Number	of Chapters under this Jurisdiction	8
46	Members	622
"	Exaltations	71

M. E. Samuel M. Wilcox, of Exeter, was Installed as Gr. H. P., and E. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, as Gr. Secretary.

#### OREGON.

The Grand Chapter of this State, was organized and consecrated under the authority granted by the M. E. Albert G. Mackey, of Charleston, South Carolina, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, bearing date of March 21, 1860.

The representatives from Multnomah, Clarkamas, Portland and Oregon Chapters, met in Convention in the city of Salem, on the 18th of September, 1860, when, it appearing that all of the Chapters having been duly notified, and were then present by their representatives, whereupon it was

Voted, That the representatives of the several Chapters in this State, now assembled, deem it expedient to proceed forthwith to the organization of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

Whereupon, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in due form; a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and its officers elected and Installed, M. E. A. W. Ferguson as Grand H. Priest.

The first Annual Convocation was held at Salem, on the 17th of September, 1861. M. E. Albert W. Ferguson, presiding.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions to open and hold a Chapter at Cervallis. His doings were confirmed and a Charter granted.

The Work was exemplified, and at the request of Ferguson Chapter, No. 5, the Degrees were conferred by Dispensation under the direction of the Grand High Priest, upon His Excellency, John Whiteaker, Governor of Oregon; S. F. Chadwick and D. C. Underwood.

M. E. Jno. McCracken was elected and Installed as G. H. P., and J. Myrick, Gr. Secretary.

No other business of importance was transacted.

The second Annual Convocation, was held in the city of Salem, on the 15th of September, 1862. M. E. John McCracken, G. H. P., presiding.

The Gr. H. Priest addressed the Chapter, from which we make an extract:—"Since our last Annual Convocation, an eventful year has passed; its page in history has been stained with the blood of our Brethren and countrymen, the victims of civil strife. Would it were not so! In former times Masonry has been wont to come from the

North, the South, the East, the West, bearing glad tidings of peace and Brotherly love. Alas! how changed; where once the sound of the gavel was sweet music in calling the Brethren to labors of love, and noble deeds of charity, nought is now heard but the din of contending armies, the clash of murderous steel, and the thunder and roar of artillery, sending forth their terrible messengers of death and destruction.

While such is the deplorable condition of our hitherto happy country, peace and prosperity reigns with us. Far removed as we are from these scenes of war and bloodshed, we meet to day under circumstances of peculiar favor, with the incense of fraternal affection burning upon our Holy Altar.

It becomes us, then, Companions, with deep reverence and humility, to implore our *Great High Priest* to interpose his Almighty power in behalf of our distracted country; to make our grateful acknowledgments of His Divine favor and protection, and fervently thank Him for his multiplied blessings."

The usual Reports were made, but no business of general importance transmitted. M. E. John McCraken was re-elected G. H. Priest, and E. T. McF. Pallon, G. Sec.

Abstract of Returns from Report of Sept. 1862:—

Number of Chapters, 5

Members, 126

Exaltations the last year, 15

### PENNSYLVANIA.

We have received an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State, made at their Grand Quarterly Communication, held in the city of Philadelphia, February 16th, 1863.

Present, all of the elected and appointed Grand Officers, in their respective stations and places. Twelve Chapters represented.

The only business noticed in the abstract, is the report from the Committee on Correspondence, acknowledging the reception of Reports and Communications from nineteen Grand Chapters. The Committee in closing their report, say:—

"In the proceedings of the Grand Chapters we have found nothing directly in reference to Pennsylvania; but in conclusion, we are gratified and rejoiced to find pervading all the proceedings, which have been submitted for our revision, a spirit of harmony and fraternal feeling, as well as an appropriate zeal in the cause of our Holy

Order, which augurs well for its continued benign influence, even under the dark cloud of affliction which has been permitted to overshadow our land.

"Circumstances beyond the control of your committee, under which this report is hastily prepared, render it impracticable to attempt even a general notice of the many other topics of interest which are ably and elequently discussed in them, and we can only reciprocate, by wishing for our Companions, everywhere, the blessings of Divine Providence, and fraternally acknowledging the kindness and courtesy manifested in all their communications."

We are unable to present any information as to the number of Chapters or members; no details are given.

Accompanying this Report was an Address of unusual interest, upon the Origin, Mission, and Influence of Masonry, delivered before the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, at their Annual Communication, December 27th, 1860.

We should like to present the whole of this Address, especially that portion which refers to the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into that State; but must content ourselves with a few extracts:—

"The Mission of Masonry is the same now as it ever was. Revolutions in empires, change, or destruction of sceptres, the rise and fall of thrones or dynasties, the union or division of churches, sects, or parties, do not change the nature of man. He is the same sin-burdened, sorrow-burdened, dependent being as when the Patriarch Job 'delivered the poor and fatherless that cried, and caused the widow's heart to sing with joy.' 'The poor shall never cease out of the land.' Sickness, disaster and accident will continue to afflict the bodies, and sorrow and bereavement to pierce and rend the souls of all of Adam's race. Discordant passions will beget strife; the parent of a brood of evils which infest our sin-cursed earth. The Mission of Masonry is to relieve and lessen all these evils. 'To do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith'—our Brethren.

We are also to work; not alone at our 'usual avocations,' or at what is technically called the work of Masonry; but also to do the work of moral and responsible beings—the work of life. 'To divest our minds and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life,' and 'to serve God and our distressed worthy Brethren;' to write our names on the hearts of our fellow-men, in acts of kindness, love, charity and mercy, that our influence and memories may remain and flourish when our bodies are laid in the dust. That the blessings of the good among men, and the approving smiles of Heaven, may rest upon us and our finstitution."

Of the first introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into this country, he says:—"The first Royal Arch Chapter ever opened in America, of which any account has been published, is that of No. 3, in this city, under their Lodge warrant; about the year 1758.

"This Lodge and Chapter derived their authority from, and held commmunion with, the 'Grand Lodge of England,' called Ancients, in which body the Royal Arch, as a separate degree, undoubtedly, had originated and been arranged not twenty years before. Our Royal Arch Masonry, therefore, was derived, both as to date, and authority, from the fountain head. If we have preserved it, as we received it, those who differ from us must have innovated or changed it. As it was a new arrangement, it may have been in some features changed, revised and improved, without infringing upon the landmarks of Masonry.

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest on this continent, having been formed by our Grand Lodge, on the 23d of November, 1795; William Ball, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest. A communication on the subject of the government of Grand Chapters was immediately addressed to the Grand Lodge of England. The reply from that Body, enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations for the government of Royal Arch Chapters, was received and read in our Grand Lodge, May 30th, 1796.

"The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania continued under the jurisdicdiction of the Grand Lodge, whose Grand Master was ex-officio Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, until 1824, when the Grand Chapter was made an independent Body; electing its own officers, as at present."

"The first Chapter holden in Massachusetts, of which we have an account, was holden, no doubt, under the Charter of St. Andrew's Lodge in the, then, town of Boston, on the 28th of August, 1769, eleven years after that of Pennsylvania; it was then styled the 'Royal Arch Chapter.' It appears from the records that the degrees of 'Excellent, Super-Excellent, and Royal Arch,' were conferred in the Royal Arch Lodge.

From the records of St. Andrew's Chapter we learn that the degree of Mark Master was connected with the other degrees conferred in the Chapter under date of November 28th, 1793. Under date of January 30th, 1794, the words 'Royal Arch Chapter,' appear for the first time, in recording the proceedings.

"There was also a Chapter, at an early date, in the town of Newburyport, known as 'King Cyrus's Chapter;' its date I am unable to give. "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was organized on the 13th of March, 1798, by delegates from St. Andrew's Chapter of Boston, and King Cyrus Chapter of Newburyport. It would appear that after these Chapters had organized the Grand Chapter, that they received new Charters from the Body which they had created; as the Charter of St Andrew's Chapter bears date of the 14th of February, A. D. 1800."

He further says:—"The character of Pennsylvania Masonry is that of rigid conservatism, and opposition to change—a dread of innovation, and a jealousy of much that is called progress and improvement, even in matters not touching the landmarks. Her maxim is, that as Masonry is unchangeable, we are to look back to the fountain head to learn what is Masonry in its purity. That the errors of the present are to be connected by a reference to the truth of the past, instead of the popular opinion of the day, which seems to be in favor of abolishing and forsaking the old, and constructing and adopting something new."

From the Secretary's Report, made for 1859, we make the following abstract:—

43 Chapters, with 2195 members; 3 Mark Lodges, with 713 members; Number of Exaltations as reported, 264; Markings, 350.

### VERMONT.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State, held its Annual Convocation in Brattleboro', on the 1st day of October, 1862, and was opened in ample form, at 9 o'clock, A. M. M. E. Barzillai Davenport, Gr. High Priest, presiding. But little business, of importance to the Craft outside of this Jurisdiction, was transacted.

The G. High Priest reports the deaths of Companions Hiram Stevens, and Charles Carroll Ruggles, who both fell victims to disease brought upon them in the South. They both held important offices in the army, and were worthy members of the Grand Chapter. Memorial pages were, by vote of the Grand Chapter, dedicated to their memories.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, from which we make a few extracts:—

"I have often felt, even with my limited knowledge of the Royal Art, that I had more Masonry in my head than I had in my heart. I would, Companions, that I had been more ready to relieve the dis-

tressed, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted. I have no doubt but that we have been imposed upon by impostors, and our charities bestowed upon unworthy objects; but it is better to assist an unworthy Brother, than that we should permit a worthy Brother or Companion to be turned away empty, when we have it in our power to relieve him."

In alluding to the Past Grand Officers who had presided over the Grand Chapter from 1804 to 1858, most of whom he had personally known, he says:— "Each of them has presided over this Grand Chapter; but their seats are vacant now, as are the seats of many other worthy Companions, whose memories we cherish, and whose virtues we would imitate. Comps. Webster, Campbell, and myself remain; but we are all old men and must soon follow our worthy predecessors to the land from whence no traveller returns. And yet, this thought ought not to cast a gloom over us here; for in our first entrance into a Lodge room we profess our belief and trust in God, and implore His blessing.

"Companions: If we have but Faith in God, Hope in immortality, and Charity to all mankind, we may safely welcome the King of Terrors, sent as a kind messenger to translate us from this imperfect world to that better land where sin and sorrow never enter. But this world is our pilgrimage, and we are all weary pilgrims, travelling through this vale of tears. Let us, therefore, buckle on our armor, and with courage and constancy battle for the right, until we finish our work with joy."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Com. Chas. F. Dana, and is of much interest, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. He says, in relation to the small number of Proceedings received:—"But, as might be expected, in consequence of the wild and furious storm of war that still rages around us, and shakes and jars the protecting wall of our sacred Temple, we have but a meager list of Grand Chapter Records to review on this occasion."

From the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters which we have received, we find frequent allusions to the withdrawal of the Grand Chapter of Vermont from the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States, and without entering into the discussion at the present time, having on a former occasion expressed our views, we present the views of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter of Vermont, on a review of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York, in reference to such withdrawal. The

Committee say:—"Whilst acknowledging the fraternal courtesy of the New York Companions in treating this delicate subject, and especially in refraining from recommending the direct appeal to this Gr. Chapter, proposed by their official head, we certainly think that, as potent arguments can be addressed on our side of the question, as they assert, in favor of an allegiance to be borne, however onerous and disagreeable, without a murmur, until the exceedingly problematical chance should occur, of the voluntary consent of the constituent Chapters to the retirement of the disaffected member.

"The advantages of the Gen. Gr. Chapter, as an Institution that possesses great power to bind together its component parts in a more enduring nationality, have also been very much overrated. It surely cannot be seriously reckoned, at this late day of our civil contest, that the claims of this unwieldy Body, meeting at remote periods, should present themselves with such commanding influence to the excited minds of those arrayed on either side of the civil contest, as to soothe their exasperation, and cause them to look leniently upon their mutual faults and short-comings! Alas! it cannot be denied that, at the present moment, the North and South are too bitterly at variance to be recalled to gentler thoughts by the notion of a common allegiance to a Superior Masonic Body. Masonry has done much in this war, to my certain knowledge, to alleviate its terrors in individual cases. Many a wounded soldier can thank the mystic sign for respite from certain death at the hands of a Brother combatant, and the sufferings of many a prisoner have been mitigated by his captor, when the fact was brought home to him, that he, whom the chances of war had thrown into his power, had knelt at the same Altar, and had uttered the same vows as himself. Herein are the beauties and benefits of the Order especially manifest, but to such isolated cases must we look, I think, to appreciate its immediate influence in the struggle.

"Vermont is certainly not favorable to secession in any shape; the very word would be a stink in our nostrils; but we do think that our withdrawal from the Gen. Grand Chapter, can be stigmatized by so odious an epithet. We will not enter into an argument here, as to the powers and privileges of the Gen. Gr. Chapter, relatively to State Gr. Chapters; but think that, under the present state of affairs, no reason need be assigned for leaving the organization. Most of the Southern States having gone, it would seem absurd, to say the least, for the remaining States to gather around fragments of a disrupted General Constitution, and reassign to it powers of an everlasting and paramount nature. Its benefits not being apparent in the best of times, why

should we now undergo serious annoyances, for the purpose of keeping up a so-called shadowy allegiance to a small and powerless ancient concern, meeting in out of the way places, at out of the way times?

"I do not think that it ever occurred to us, at the time of issuing our Declaration of Independe ce, that we were initiating South Carolina! If I remember right, the question of separation elicited no argument, and was completed in a very short time. We all of us felt convinced that we were as badly off as Sinbad the Sailor; and that an old man of the sea was weighing down and paralyzing our Masonic energies, and resolved that we would be free. Certainly, it has never occurred to us to feel any regret on the subject of the separation, but rather an exceeding great joy that we are rid of the incubus.

"We are humble workers in R. A. Masonry in this Jurisdiction; we are striving earnestly to improve ourselves in Masonry, and to subdue our passions; we are conscious of many daily errors of omission and commission; but we know that a connection with the Gen. Gr. Chapter is not going to satisfy our short-comings and all that we ask is to be 'let alone.'"

The action of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was referred to the Standing Committee on R. A. Jurisprudence, and the condition of R. A. Masonry in the State of New York, who submitted a report which was adopted. The closing portion of this report we here present:—

"Although cordially approving of the true Masonic spirit which suggests a further fraternal appeal to our Companions of Vermont to retrace their steps, your Committee cannot, upon mature reflection, deliberately advise such action. They might appeal, in sincerity of heart and earnestness of feeling, to their Vermont Companions, by all the hallowed memories of the past; by their well won fame in the Fraternity, for undeviating loyalty and unswerving fidelity heretofore; by that sense of right and justice which signalized their action; by the ties of Masonic Brotherhood, and by the name and reputation of their honored and lamented dead, and equally honored living-but they fear that it might be regarded as obtrusive or dictatorial, in view of our past action on the subject; and we can, therefore, but add our regrets for the past, and our hopes for the future. We do not believe that light and transient causes should control an act so fraught with momentuous consequences to the welfare of Capitular Masonry, and, with respect, we cannot regard the reason assigned as satisfactory or conclusive."

We subjoin two resolutions, to wit :--

"Resolved, That we regard the doctrine of secession in Capitular Masonry, and elsewhere, as a Masonic heresy.

"Resolved, That we regard such secession as ineffectual, unless by mutual consent of both parties to the compact."

The Resolutions annexed to the Report were adopted.

The Vermont Committee, in concluding their report on this subject, remark:—"The Grand Chapter of Vermont was not originally chartered by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, but existed some time before the latter was organized. After some time had elapsed, they recognized its possible existence, and consented to recoganize it as their efficient head. But it does not follow that this G. Chapter exists only through and by the General Grand Chapter, and must stand or fall with it. Surely, it cannot be maintained that the ties are as close, and the connection as intimate, between a State Grand Chapter and those State organizations, which, in the plenitude of its sovereign power, it has seen fit to endow with all proper Masonic attributes!"

M. E. Barzillai Davenport was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this Jurisdiction

13

" Members

807

Exaltations, not reported.

### WISCONSIN.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of this State, was holden in the City of Milwaukee, on the 5th of February, 1863. M. E. Montgomery M. Cothren, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand Chapter held a session of two days; transacting the usual business incidental to an Annual Meeting.

The Gr. H. Priest, in his address, says:—"We have again assembled to commune with each other, and to discharge such duties as we owe to the Fraternity.

"Ours is no light or trivial duty. It is ours to legislate for the Order,—to examine into and settle grievances—to inquire for proper objects of charity, and to cultivate the great moral and social truths of our Order. It is not alone to transact the business of the Grand Chapter that we annually meet. Ours is the privilege of meeting the assembled wisdom of that symbolical structure of moral truth that has existed for thousands of years, and held in its potential embrace the great, the wise, and the good of every civilized race upon the globe."

The principal portion of the address is devoted to the Origin, Antiquity, and the Moral Teachings of Masonry: In reference to the present condition of our country, and the alleviating influence of our Order, in these times of trial and suffering, he thus speaks:—"I had

hoped, in common with all Masons, that the humanizing influences of our principles would have done much towards staying the carnage of the horrible and fratricidal war that is deluging our land with human gore. Although our hopes, in this particular, have not been realized, yet there is reason to believe that through the instrumentality of the Order, many lives have been saved, much suffering mitigated, much misery prevented. What a gratification to the weary and blood stained soldier, to find amid the smoke and carnage of the battle-field, a Brother of the mystic tie ready to extend the hand of fellowship, even though fate had decreed that they should meet as nation's foes."

"So far, as I am informed, peace and harmony prevail throughout our Jurisdiction. Desolation has doubtless been carried to the homes of many of our Companions, in consequence of our country's unhappy war, but of any individual case I am not advised."

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. E. Com. Henry S. Baird, presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, all that have been received by them. Refering to the present condition of our country, they say:—"The love of country has been lost sight of in the animosity of party spirit, and it is to be feared that, as a nation, we may be forced to a conviction, when too late to retrieve the error, that we have, by party strife, sacrificed the greatest blessings, and jeopardized the freest and best government ever enjoyed by civilized man."

"Our own noble young State is far removed from the immediate scene of havoc and desolation, which, unhappily exist in the Border and Southern portion of the Union. Yet we have realized the sorrow and calamity attendant upon this deplorable contest between North and South, in mourning for the loss of relatives and friends. Nor can we withold our deep sympathy from those who reside in the neighborhood of the scene of action, and suffer—many of whom are innocent of offence—and have been compelled, against their will, to become actors in the contest."

In conclusion, he says:—"Let us all, Companions, unite in fervent prayer to *Him* who governs the Universe and holds in *His* hand the destinies of nations, that the Union of these States may be restored, and that the glorious old Flag, which has so long triumphantly waved at home and abroad, be preserved untarnished and unimpaired by the loss of a single bright 'Star from its *Union!*"

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported the following Resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That hereafter no Chapter, or Companion in this Jurisdic.

tion, shall admit to a Chapter, or hold Masonic intercourse with any Companion who has been suspended by a Blue Lodge, for any cause, while resting under such penalty.

The following order was also adopted in 1861, and is one of the Standing Resolutions of the G. R. A. Chapter of this State:—

"It shall not be deemed proper for any Subordinate Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to receive the petition of any Master Mason for the degrees conferred in said Chapter, nor to admit a Companion as a member of said Chapter, unless such Companion, or petitioner, shall be a member of a Lodge in this, or some other Jurisdiction, in good standing.

Appropriate resolutions were reported and adopted in memory of Com. Henry M. Billings, Past Grand King; his death was sudden, "and in the full vigor of mature manhood; occupying a high position among Masons, and a warm place in the hearts of all who knew him."

M. E. Alvin B. Alden was elected and installed as G. H. Priest, and E. William T. Palmer, re-elected as Grand Secretary.

Abstract from returns made, February, 1863 :-

Whole number	of Chapters	22
"	Members	738
Exaltations for	the last year	109

From an examination of these proceedings, we learn that Peace and Harmony reign throughout the several Jurisdictions. Although our country has been convulsed by the terrible calamities incident to a condition of war, yet our altar-fires have been kept burning brightly upon hundreds of altars throughout the length and breadth of the land, and from week to week bear witness to the truth, that the sublime teachings of our Order are fitted and designed to improve and elevate the thoughts and affections of those who are brought under their immediate influence.

Within our own Jurisdiction, unexampled prosperity has attended our labors. During the past year, Dispensations have been granted for a Chapter in South Boston; also for Chapters in the towns of Melrose, Medford and Palmer.

Returns have been received from all the Chapters in the State, from which we present the following abstract:—

Number of Chapters,	24
Under Dispensation,	4
Members,	2135
Exaltations,	289

Let it be the prayer of every Companion, that before another year rolls round, the blessings of peace may shed their hallowed influences over our beloved country; that war may cease, and that our country may come forth purified, and purged of those sins which have called down upon us, as a nation, the displeasure of the Almighty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES KIMBALL.

M. E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following Report, which was read and unanimously adopted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts have attended to the duty of examining the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and respectfully submit the following

### REPORT:

That his books have been correctly kept, and vouchers exhibited for all disbursements. There was in the hands of that officer at the commencement of the present year the sum of \$430 71 He has received for dues from 22 Chapters, \$716 Dispensations from 4 Chapters, 360 Dividends on Stock, 119 Interest on Bond, 50 Premium on Gold, 14 87 330 Bond sold. Bond of the city of Boston, due and paid, 1.000 \$2,589 87 Making a total of \$3,020 58 He has paid for one city of Boston 5 per cent \$1.000 Bond, payable in 1882, Premium on do., 145 70 5 Shares Merchants Bank, 498 Paid for Regalia, 110 in Charity, 315 148 87 for Printing and Diplomas, Sundry Bills, including Rent; Secre-239 60 tary's Fees, &c., \$2,457 17

Leaving a balance of Cash in hands of G. Treasurer of \$563 41

		of the Grand Chapter consists of of National Bank Stock,	\$500
7		Elliot " "	700
2	"	North " "	200
4	. "	Howard " "	400
2		Safety Fund "	200
5	, "	Merchants "	500
2	, "	Bank of North America Stock,	200
1	city of	Boston 5 per ct. Bond, payable in 1882,	1,000
		hands of Grand Treasurer,	563 41
	Tot	٠	\$4 263 41

The Committee respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLELLAN, RICHARD BRIGGS, WM. F. KNOWLES,

Voted to proceed to the election of officers for the year ensuing. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Dame was called to the Chair, and M. E. Comps. John McClellan, Richard Briggs and Henry Goddard, were appointed a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes. The balloting then took place, with the following result:—

Solon Thornton, of Boston, Grand High Priest.

John K. Hall, of Somerville, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Henry Chickering, of Pittsfield, Grand King.

John N. Pike, of Newburyport, Grand Scribe.

Peter C. Jones, of Boston, Grand Treasurer.

Thomas Waterman, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

William Parkman, Trustees of the Funds.

The officers thus elected were duly installed, and the following appointments announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest:—

Caleb Rand, Grand Captain of the Host.
William H. Kent, Grand Principal Sojourner.
Theodore H. Emmons, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
George T. Ambrose, Grand Master 3d Veil.

Freeman Baker, Grand Master 2d Veil.

Frederick A. Pierce, Grand Master 1st Veil.

Lyman B. Meston,
Henry Endicott,

William L. Batchelder,
Alfred F. Chapman,

Rev. Rufus S. Pope,
Rev. John P. Robinson,
Rev. John W. Dadmun,

John McClellan,
Richard Briggs,
William F. Knowles,

William Parkman,
Thomas Waterman,
Samuel Millard,

James Kimball, Salem, Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

Luther L. Tarbell, Grand Tyler.

The officers appointed as above were duly installed, the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN, G. Sec'y.

### OFFICERS

#### OF THE

### GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

### ELECTED SEPTEMBER 8, 1863.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Boston, Grand High Priest. John K. Hall, Somerville, Deputy Grand High Priest, 44 Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Grand King. 66 John N. Pike, Newburyport, Grand Scribe. Caleb Rand, Charlestown, Grand Capt. of the Host. E. 44 Wm. H. Kent, Boston, G. Principal Sojourner. Theodore H. Emmons, Boston, G. R. A. Captain. George T. Ambrose, Beston, G. M. 3d Veil. 44 Truman Baker, Grand M. 2d Veil. Frederick A. Pierce, Boston, G. M. 1st Veil. " Lyman B. Meston, Boston, S. G. Steward. 46 Henry Endicott, Boston, J. G. Steward. Wm. L. Batchelder, Grand Lecturers. " Alfred F. Chapman, Peter C. Jones, G. Treasurer. Thomas Waterman, G. Secretary. 44 Rev. Rufus S. Pope, Hyannis, G. Chaplains. John P. Robinson, Boston, .. John W. Dadmun, Roxbury, 46 John McClellan. Committee of Finance. Richard Briggs, 16 Wm. F. Knowles. Peter C. Jones, Wm Parkman, Trustees of the Funds. " 46 Richard Briggs, " Wm. Parkman. Thomas Waterman, Com. of Charity.

"

Samuel Millard.

## PERMANENT MEMBERS

#### OF THE

# GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

- \*Benjamin Hurd, Jr., 1798-99-1800.
- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1801-2.
- \*Timothy Bigelow, 1803-4-5.
- #Isaiah Thomas, 1806-7-8.
- #Oliver Prescott, 1809.
- \*James Dean Hopkins, 1810-11-12.
- \*John Abbot, 1813-14-15.
- \*Andrew Sigourney, 1816—17.
- \*James Prescott, 1818-19.
- #Jonathan Gage, 1820-21-22.
- \*Paul Dean, 1823-24-25.
- \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1826-27-28.
- \*Samuel Clark, 1829-30-31.
- \*Josiah J. Fiske, 1832-33.
- Edward A. Raymond, 1834-35-36.
- Simon W. Robinson, 1837-38-39.
- John B. Hammatt, 1840.
- \*Elijah Atherton, 1841-42-43.
- Thomas Tolman, 1844-45.
- Charles W. Moore, 1846-47-48.
- Benjamin Huntoon, 1849-50-51.
- \*Stephen Lovell, 1852-53-54.
- Daniel Harwood, 1855-56.
- Wendell Thornton Davis, 1857.
- John McClellan, 1858.
- James Kimball, 1859-60-61.

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased,

# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1799, from April to September.
- \*Jonathan Gage, 1799.
- \*Joshua Greenleaf, 1800.
- \*Simon Eliot, 1801-2.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1803 to 1808, and 1816 to 1820.
- \*Henry Fowle, 1808 to 1814.
- \*James C. King, 1814-15.
- \*Samuel L. Knapp, 1820.
- \*Paul Dean, 1821-22.
- \*Augustus Peabody, 1823 to 1826.
- Benjamin Huntoon, 1826 to 1829.
- \*Robert Lash, 1829 to 1833.

Thomas Tolman, 1833 and 1841 to 1844.

Gardner Ruggles, 1834 to 1837.

John B. Hammatt, 1837 to 1840. -

- \*Elijah Artherton, 1840.
- \*Elias Haskell, 1844-45.
- \*Ruel Baker, 1846-47.

Gilbert Nurse, 1848.

Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1849.

\*Stephen Lovell, 1850-51.

Timothy Ingraham, 1852.

E. M. P. Wells, 1853.

Joseph Bedlow, 1854.

Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1855.

William R. Alger, 1856.

Tracy P. Cheever, 1857.

\*Isaac P. Seavy, 1858.

Wyzemen Marshall, 1859.

Solon Thornton, 1860.

Richard Briggs, 1861.

Albert H. Kirkham, 1862.

### PAST GRAND KINGS.

- \*Dudley Atkins Tyng, 1798.
- \*James Harrison, 1799.
- \*William McKean, 1800.
- \*Charles Jackson, 1801.
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1802.
- \*Gilman White, 1803-4.
- \*David Coffin, Jr., 1805.
- \*Amos Tappan, 1806.

- \*Oliver Prescott, 1807-8.
- \*William Woart, 1809-10.
- \*John Abbot, 1811-12.
- \*Samuel L. Knapp, 1813-14.
- \*Henry Fowle, 1815.
- \*James C. King, 1816-17.
- \*Joseph Brown, 1818,
- \*Robert Lash, 1819.
- \*Caleb Butler, 1820 to 1823.
- Henry Whipple, 1823.
- \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1824-25.
- Richard S. Spofford, 1826 to 1829.
- \*Charles Train, 1829 to 1832.
- Edward A. Raymond, 1832-33.
- \*William Whiting, 1834-35.
- Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
- \*Elijah Atherton, 1837 to 1840
- Enoch Hobart, 1840.
- John R. Bradford, 1841 to 1844.
- Charles W. Moore, 1844-45.
- Gilbert Nurse, 1846-47.
- William Eaton, 1848.
- Lucien B. Keith, 1849.
- Samuel Millard, 1850-51.
- John Flint, 1852.
- James W. Crooks, 1853.
- Ebenezer W. Tolman, 1854.
- Jonathan G. Johnson, 1855.
- Wendell Thornton Davis, 1856.
- William Parkman, 1857.
- William H. L. Smith, 1858. William W. Baker, 1859.
- \*Sylvester Baxter, 1860.
- William S. Shurtleff, 1861.
- Charles C. Dame, 1862.

### PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

- \*James Harrison, 1798.
- \*Joshua Greenleaf, 1799,
- \*Charles Jackson, 1800,
- \*Benjamin Russell, 1801.
- \*Stephen Howard, 1802.
- \*Abraham Perkins, 1803-4.
- \*Samuel A. Otis, 1805.

\*James Dean Hopkins, 1806. \*Thomas Carey, Jr., 1807-8. \*Thomas Jackson, 1809. \*Sumner Barstow, 1810. \*Henry Purkett, 1811. \*Edward Turner, 1812. \*Andrew Sigourney, 1813-14. \*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr., 1815. \*Joseph Brown, 1816-17. \*Robert Lash, 1818. \*James Morse, 1819--20, \*Rosewell Lee, 1821. \*Daniel Baxter, 1822, \*Daniel Lewis Gibbens, 1823. \*John James Loring, 1824-25. \*Samuel Clark, 1826 to 1829. Charles Wells, 1829 to 1833. \*William Whiting, 1833. Simon W. Robinson, 1834-35. \*Elijah Atherton, 1836. Enoch Hobart, 1837 to 1840. John R. Bradford, 1840. Robert Keith, 1841 to 1844. \*Ruel Baker, 1844-45. \*Joel Talbot, 1846-47. Lucien B. Keith, 1848. Samuel Millard, 1849, \*Henry Earl, 1850-51. Jonas A. Marshall, 1852. \*Horace Chenery, 1853. John McClellan, 1854. Abraham A. Dame, 1855. John Andrews, 1856, Joel Spalding, 1857. James Kimball, 1858. Henry Goddard, 1859. George Sherwin, 1860.

George Talbot, 1861. Moses H. Fowler, 1862.

### ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS

OF THE

### SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THIS JURISDICTION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1863,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5769.

Charles C. Dame, High Priest.
Marlborough Williams, King.
Lyman B. Meston, Scribe.
George T. Ambrose, Captain of the Host.
Edward A. White, Principal Sojourner.
Alfred F. Chapman, Royal Arch Captain.
Frederic J. Foss, Master of 3d Veil.
James W. Kimball, Master 2d Veil.
Charles W. Romney, Master 1st Veil.
John McClellan, Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman, Secretary.
John P. Robinson, Chaplain.
James L. Lincoln, S. Steward.
David Simpson, J. Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 277. Candidates Exalted, 65. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$201. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT, A. L. 5790.

John N. Pike, High Priest, Warren Currier, King. Jonathen Bickford, Scribe. Wm. H. Johnson, Captain of the Host. John Walton, Principal Sojourner. Albert Currier, Royal Arch Captain.
Paul Plumer, Master 3d Veil.
E. G. Currier, Master 2d Veil.
John J. Currier, Master 1st Veil.
Mark Symonds, Treasurer.
David J. Adams, Secretary.
William Horton, Chaplain.
Samuel Noyes, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 47. Candidates Exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, 30. Regular Meetings on Thursday succeeding full moon.

### WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM, A. L. 5811.

James Kimball, High Priest.

Alonzo C. Blethen, King.

John G. Dudley, Scribe.

George W. Sargent, Captain of the Hest.

William L. Batchelder, Principal Sojourner.

William C. Maxwell, Royal Arch Captain.

John R. Smith, Master 3d Veil.

Dana Z. Smith, Master 2d Veil.

Daniel H. Jewett, Master 1st Veil.

Alva Kendall, Treasurer.

William Keith, Jr., Secretary.

Addison Goodhue, Senior Steward.

Jeremiah Wallis, Junior Steward.

Edward Rea, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 90. Candidates Exalted, 10. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$36. Regular Meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

### ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD, A. L. 5816.

Wanton T. Drew, High Priest.
John B. Baylies, King.
David Brayton, Scribe.
Shipley W. Bumpus, Captain of the Host.
A. H. W. Carpenter, Principal Sojourner.
William W. Arnold, Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Fields, Jr., Master 3d Veil.
John H. Thomson, Master 2d Veil.
George Bliss, Master 1st Veil.
Edward Stetson, Treasurer.

George Delano, Secretary.

Moses G. Thomas, Chaplain.

John Fuller, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 182. Candidates Exalted, 20. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

# MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD, A. L. 5817.

Isaac D. Gibbons, High Priest.

James H. Call, King.

Albert E. Foth, Scribe.

F. T. Mirick, Captain of the Host.

A. E. Leonard, Principal Sojourner.

W. E. Granger, Royal Arch Captain.

E. Howland, Master 3d Veil.

D. B. Chapin, Master 2d Veil.

W. H. Spooner, Master 1st Veil,

S. E. Bailey, Treasurer.

J. M. Hall, Secretary.

J. S. Cushman, Chaplain.

W. M. Hall, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 159. Candidates Exalted, 39. Fees to Grand Chapter \$123. Regular Meetings on the first Friday of each month.

# FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD, A. L. 5817.

Charles Mattoon, High Priest.
Matthew Chapman, King.
Wm. C. Robinson, Scribe.
David Lyon, Captain of the Host.
E P. Graves, Principal Sojourner.
Charles L. Fiske, Royal Arch Captain.
N. E. Babbitt, Master 3d Veil.
D. J. Rice, Master 2d Veil.
H. B. Stevens, Master 1st Veil.
Rufus Howland, Treasurer.
George H. Hovey, Secretary.
Matthew Chapman, Chaplain.
Felix Chillingsworth, Senior Steward.
Henry Wait, Junior Steward.
Joel Wilson, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 95. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to G. Chapter, \$27. Regular Meetings on Wednesday after full moon.

### ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON, A. L. 5818.

Caleb Rand, High Priest.
William Ellison, King.
Henry Endicott, Scribe.
John F. Currier, Captain of the Host.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr., Principal Sojourner.
Eben Denton, Royal Arch Captain.
J. Francis Lash, Master 3d Veil.
George W. Appleton, Master 2d Veil.
Sidney A. Stetson, Master 1st Veil.
Benjamin F. Nourse, Treasurer.
Thomas H. Emmons, Secretary.
Niels Jacobs, Senior Steward.
Elisha Pote, Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 317. Candidates Exalted, 47. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$143. Regular Meetings third Tuesday of each month.

### MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON, A. L. 5820.

George Talbot, High Priest.
George B. Blake, King.
Ebenezer Capen, Scribe.
James Swan, Captain of the Host.
Azel Capen, Royal Arch Captain.
Jonathan R. Gay, Master 3d Veil.
Bradford Kinsley, Master 2d Veil.
Hiram Gay, Master 1st Veil.
Lemuel Gay, Treasurer.
Ansel Capen, Secretary.
Benjamin F. Savels, Senior Steward.
John McKuhan, Junior Steward.

Present number of Members, 26. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$12. Regular Meetings on Friday preceding the full moon.

### THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG, A. L. 5821.

- W. J. Merriam, High Priest.
- E. D. Bancroft, King.
- T. C. Caldwell, Scribe.
- J. A. Marshall, Captain of the Host.
- C. S. Litch, Principal Sojourner.
- W. C. Upton, Royal Arch Captain.

H. J. Lowe, Master 3d Veil.
H. T. Pratt, Master 2d Veil.
J. E. Manning, Master 1st Veil.
Arnold Wilson, Treasurer.
George H. Spencer, Secretary.
E. W. Coffin and D. C. Brick, Chaplains.
J. A. Tufts, Senior Steward.
Francis Sheldon, Junior Steward.
Joseph Pierce, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 63. Candidates Exalted, 9. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$33. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or before full moon, each month, July excepted.

### WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER, A. L. 5823.

Henry Goddard, High Priest.
Benjamin Lewis, King.
Seth P. Miller, Scribe.
A. Y. Thompson, Captain of the Host.
Richard Fiske, Principal Sojourner.
J. B. Lawrence, Royal Arch Captain.
D. W. Knowlton, Master 3d Veil.
F. H. Rice, Master 2d Veil.
J. W. Jordan, Master 1st Veil,
Asa Walker, Treasurer.
Charles B. Whiting, Secretary.
Daniel Seagrave, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 76. Candidates Exalted, 5. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21. Regular Meetings second Friday of each month.

### MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD, A. L. 5824.

Leonard J. Wilson, High Priest,
Stephen Matthewson, King.
Grinfill B. Knights, Scribe.
George E. Stacy, Captain of the Host.
Wheaton B. Gibson, Principal Sojourner,
Henry C. Skinner, Royal Arch Captain.
Charles T. Eames, Master 2d Veil.
Franklin D. Howe, Master 2d Veil.
Charles E. Whitney, Master 1st Veil.
Leonard Hunt, Treasurer.
Lewis Fales, Secretary pro tem.
Leonard Wakefield, Chaplain.
Jonathan C. Bradford, Senior Steward.

Alfred H. Hastings, Junior Steward. John M. Wood, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 61. Candidates Exalted, 5. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21. Regular Meetings on Thursday following full moon.

### NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON, A. L. 5825.

David W. Crafts, High Priest. Charles S. Pratt, King. Samuel W. Lee, Jr., Scribe. George F. Wright, Captain of the Host. William D. Axtell, Principal Sojourner. Christopher Clark, Royal Arch Captain. Josiah H. Prindle, Master 3d Veil. James Porter, Master 2d Veil. E. W. Nichols, Master 1st Veil. Ansil Wright, Treasurer. Amasa D. Wade, Secretary. Cyrus White, Chaplain. George S. Clark, Senior Steward. Henry Wheeler, Junior Steward. Alvin S. Field, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 59. Candidates Exalted, 4. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18. Regular Meetings first Wednesday of each month.

### CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM, A. L. 5826.

Jonathan Greenwood, High Priest.

S. A. Hastings, King.

A. S. Lewis, Scribe.

D. C. Hoyt, Captain of the Host.

Burleigh Morse, Principal Sojourner.

D. M. Gerry, Royal Arch Captain. Franklin Cloyes, Master 3d Veil.

N. L. Winch, Master 2d Veil.

S. B. Wilde, Master 1st Veil.

Adam Hemenway, 2d, Treasurer.

Charles J. Frost, Secretary.

S. Alsop, Chaplain.

Miranda Page, Senior Steward.

John Blair, Junior Steward.

George W. Manser, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 41. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings first Thursday of each month.

### MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL, A. L. 5826.

Thomas G. Gerrish, High Priest.
Samuel T. Lancaster, King.
Ruel J. Walker, Scribe.
T. L. P. Lamson, Captain of the Host.
Hiram N. Hall, Principal Sojourner.
James C. Abbott, Royal Arch Captain.
Frederick T. North, Master 3d Veil.
Albion J. Dudley, Master 2d Veil.
Richard W. Baker, Master 1st Veil.
Edward Tuck, Treasurer.
J. Emerson Short, Jr., Secretary.
Charles W. Homer, Chaplain.
Jonathan Rice, Senior Steward.
Asa D. Clark, Junior Steward.
A, W. Fisher, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 150. Candidates Exalted, 13. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45. Regular Meetings Monday on or preceding the full of the moon.

### ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON, A. L. 5854.

James A. Maynard, High Priest.
Samuel L. Fowle, King.
Fred. W. Dunbar, Scribe.
Elisha J. Cleveland, Captain of the Host.
John Garney, Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel Haley, Royal Arch Captain.
William H. Varney, Master 3d Veil.
James M. McLarty, Master 2d Veil.
Hiram Wilson, Master 1st Veil.
George T. Sampson, Treasurer.
Hezekiah Mayo, Secretary.
Richard Libbey, Chaplain.
Joshua Dunbar, Senior Steward.
Lot Day, Junior Steward.
Samuel W. Gleason, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 62. Candidates Exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30. Regular Meetings fourth Monday of each month-

### CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA, A. L. 5855.

E. W. Lathrop, High Priest.
G. W. Churchill, King.
George H. Marden, Scribe.
C. M. Avery, Captain of the Host.
Charles F. Gay, Principal Sojourner.
Charles F. Haines, Royal Arch Captain.
Erastus F. Dana, Master 3d Veil.
Benjamin F. Atkins, Master 2d Veil.
Alexander Campbell, Master 1st Veil.
Slade Luther Treasurer.
Charles Caldwell, Secretary.
Charles H. Leonard, Chaplain.
P. P. P. Ware, Senior Steward.
E. Hawkes, Jr., Junior Steward.
Edwin Barnes, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 113. Candidates Exalted, 18. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$69. Regular Meetings second Wednesday in each month.

### ORIENT CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD, A. L. 5856.

Rufus S. Pope, High Priest.
George Marston, King.
Higgins Crowell, Scribe.
J. K. Baker, Jr., Captain of the Host.
George J. Miller, Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Snow, Royal Arch Captain.
Sylvester Baker, Jr., Master 3d Veil.
S. B. Phinney, Master 2d Veil.
V. B. Nickerson, Master 1st Veil.
Alexander Baxter, Treasurer.
A. S. Hallett, Secretary.
George S. Alexander, Chaplain.
J. W. Chapman, Senior Steward.
Oliver Hoxie, Junior Steward.
John H. Frost, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 38. Candidates Exalted, 2. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$12. Regular Meetings Thursday on or before full moon.

# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL, A. L. 5856.

James E. Gale, High Priest.

Daniel Fitz, King.

George H. Hoyt, Scribe.

F. I. Stevens, Captain of the Host.

R. S. Chase, Principal Sojourner.

N. R. Johnson, Royal Arch Captain.

L. C. Wadleigh, Master 3d Veil.

E. Kimball, Master 2d Veil.

F. C. Swan, Master 1st Veil.

J. P. Randall, Treasurer.

A. Whittier, Secretary,

C. H. Seymour, Chaplain.

C. W. Chase, Senior Steward.

C. R Evans, Junior Steward.

A. G. Bradley, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 59. Candidates Exalted, 16. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$54. Regular Meetings first Friday in each month.

# BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD, A. L. 5858.

L. H. Gamwell, High Priest.

Frank Weston, King.

E. F. Ensign, Scribe.

Daniel Upton, Captain of the Host.

George V. Bristol, Principal Sojourner.

J. N. Dunham, Royal Arch Captain.

H. S. Briggs, Master of 3d Veil.

C. M. Whelden, Master 2d Veil.

A. N. Allen, Master 1st Veil.

I. Carter, Treasurer.

G. A. Murdock, Secretary.

D. H. Russell, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 32. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings 1st Thursday of each month.

# KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, ENFIELD, A. L. 5858.

Daniel B. Gillett, High Priest.

John Crosby, King.

Stephen Douglass, Scribe.

George Robinson, Captain of the Hest.

John F. Jordan, Principal Sojourner.

John L. Wilson, Royal Arch Captain.

M. H. Cross, Master 3d Veil.
S. H. Phelps, Master 2d Veil.
D. W. Miner, Master 1st Veil.
W. C. Sheldon, Treasurer.
Francis De Witt, Secretary.
Henry Fobes, Chaplain.
David Allen, Senior Steward.
Thomas Smith, Junior Steward.
Robert Allen, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 25. Candidates Exalted, 3. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15. Regular Meetings Thursday next following the Tuesday preceding full moon.

# KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH, A. L. 5860.

Henry S. Clarke, High Priest.
James E. Carpenter, King.
William H. Thomas, Scribe.
Carmi Richmond, Captain of the Host.
C. A. Bradley, Principal Sojourner.
L. E. Carpenter, Royal Arch Captain.
Edwin Richmond, Master 3d Veil.
William Graves, Master 2d Veil.
N. B. Wilmarth, Master 1st Veil.
Charles M. Dean, Treasurer.
Eliphalet Smith, Secretary.
William Carpenter, Senior Steward.
John Q. Lynch, Junior Steward.

Present number of Members, 25. Candidates Exalted, 1. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$9. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after the full moon.

# MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE, A. L. 5860.

N. P. H. Melvin, High Priest.
Joseph W. Smith, King.
John Stowe, Scribe.
William H. Jaqueth, Captain of the Host.
Pardon Armington, Principal Sojourner.
W. B. Hayden, Royal Arch Captain.
D. F. Robinson, Master 3d Veil.
John B. Atkinson, Master 2d Veil.
John Haigh, Master 1st Veil.
James R. Simpson, Treasurer.

E. Frank Page, Secretary. William L. Jenkins, Chaplain. William H. Fernald, Tyler.

Present number of Members, 38. Candidates Exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings last Wednesday of each month.

PILGRIM CHAPTER, ATTLEBOROUGH, A. L. 5862.

William W. Whitmarsh, High Priest.
Samuel B. Thaxter, King.
Abner Holbrook, Scribe.
J. K. Hayward, Captain of the Host.
William H. Davis, Principal Sojourner.
Micah Nash, Royal Arch Captain.
E. M. Nash, Secretary.

Present number of Members, 19. Candidates Exalted, 7. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$23. Regular Meetings Friday on and after full moon.

WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE, A. L. 5863. Consecrated, and Officers Installed, September 30, 1863.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON, A. L. 5863, U. D.

HAMPDEN CHAPFER, PALMER, A. L. 5863, U. D.

MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD, A. L. 5863, U. D.

SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN, A. L. 5863, U. D.

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# PROCEEDINGS

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# MASSACHUSETTS,

FROM DECEMBER 8, 1863, TO DECEMBER 13, 1864,

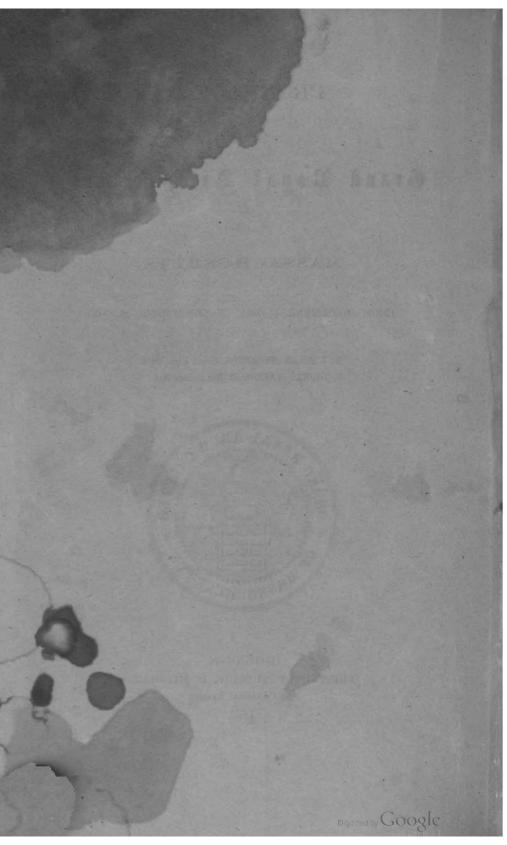
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# **PROCEEDINGS**

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# GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

# STATED COMMUNICATION.

DEC. 8, 1863.

A STATED Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th December, A. D. 1863, R. A. M. 2393.

# Officers present.

M. E. Solon Thornton .					•		Grand High Priest.
M. E. JOHN K. HALL							Dep. Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY CHICKERING .							Grand King.
E. JOHN N. PIKE			•				Grand Scribe.
E. CALEB RAND							Grand Captain of the Host
E. Wm. H. Kent		•		•			Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. Alfred F. Chapman .							Grand R. A. Captain.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE							G. Master 3d Veil, pro tem.
E. M. WILLIAMS							G. Master 2d Veil. " "
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE.							G. Master 1st Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones							Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .							Grand Secretary.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON							Grand Steward.
E. John P. Robinson							Grand Chaplain.
E. James Kimball				-			G. C. of Correspondence.
E. Wm. L. BATCHELDER .							
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL .							Grand Tyler.

## Permanent Members.

E. M. P. Wells, R. Keith, E. W. Tolman, A. A. Dame, Samuel Millard Geo. Talbot, C. C. Dame, Wm. Parkman.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last communication read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

ST. Andrew's,	THOMAS,	KEYSTONE,
King Cyrus,	Worcester,	MT. SINAI,
Washington,	NORTHAMPTON,	Pilgrim,
FRANKLIN,	Mt. Horeb,	WAVERLY,
ST. PAUL'S,	BERKSHIRE,	ORIENT.
Mt. Zion,	King Solomon's	}

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be donated from the funds of the Grand Chapter to the family of our late Companion Wm. Knapp.

M. E. Companion John K. Hall was appointed a committee to present the same.

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be donated to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, for charitable purposes.

Voted, That the Committee of Charity be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be expended in charity.

M. E. Companions A. A. Dame, J. K. Hall and John McClellan were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions relative to the decease of our late venerated Companion Robert Lash.

Voted, That M. E Henry Chickering, John McClelland and Robert Keith, with the Grand Secretary, be appointed a committee to procure a fire-proof safe in which to place the records of this Grand Chapter.

The petition of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, for leave to remove from Enfield to Ware, was presented and referred to M. E. Companions Wm. W. Baker, Chas. C. Dame and Wm. S. Shurtleff. This committee subsequently submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the petition of

No. 027-204

the removal of King Solomon's R. A. Chapter from Enfield to Ware, have carefully considered the subject and beg leave to report: That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should not at this time be granted; and if any change should be made the interests of the institution would be promoted by a union of the Chapter at Enfield with the Chapter at Palmer, to be located at Palmer, and would therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. BAKER, C. C. DAME, WM. S. SHURTLEFF.

Boston, December 8, 1863.

Some matters relating to the Past Master's degree were introduced and discussed; and subsequently the whole subject indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

# THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

A meeting of members of the Grand Chapter was held at 9 o'clock, A. M., December 8, at which the work and lectures appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry were exemplified and rehearsed.

# STATED COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 8, 1864.

A Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 8, A. D. 1864, R. A. M 2394.

# Officers present.

M. E. Solon Thornton					Grand High Priest.
M. E. John K. Hall .					
E. HENRY CHICKERING					

E. John W. Dadmun .						Grand Scribe, pro tem.
						Grand Captain of the Host.
E. WILLIAM H. KENT .						Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS						
						G. Master 3d Veil.
						G. Master 2d Veil.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE	٠.					G. Master 1st Veil.
E. REV. RUFUS S. POPE						
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL						

## Permanent Members.

JOHN McClellan, James Kimball, E. W. Tolman, Robert Keith, Wm. W. Baker, Wm. Parkman, C. C. Dame, A. A. Dame.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The records of the last communication read and approved. The following Chapters were represented:

St. Andrew's,	ST. PAUL'S,	BERKSHIRE,
WASHINGTON,	St. John's,	King Solomon's,
Adoniram,	SHEKINAH,	KEYSTONE.
MORNING STAR.	ORIENT,	

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and other Officers and Members:

M. E. Thomas G. Gerrish, of Mt. Horeb Chapter, Lowell; M. E. Caleb Rand, of St. Paul's Chapter, Boston; M. E. Henry Chickering, of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield; M. E. John Stow, of Mt. Sinai Chapter, Lawrence; M. E. Marlborough Williams, of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston; M. E. Freeman Baker, of Waverly Chapter, Melrose; M. E. Wm. W. Whitmarsh, of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; M. E. Henry S. Clarke, of Keystone Chapter, Foxborough, have been duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood and will be acknowledged accordingly.

# EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,

Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

Boston, December 8, 1863.

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the decease of our M. E. and venerated Companion Robert Lash, presented the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted:

In Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, March 8, 1864, the committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions on the occasion of the decease of Most Excellent Companion Robert Lash, Esq., report the following for adoption:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the universe, in His inscrutible Providence, to remove from his earthly cares and labors our most esteemed and worthy Companion ROBERT LASH, Esq., therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter deeply sympathize with his bereaved family in this hour of their affliction. That the geniality of his disposition, combined with his amiability of deportment, caused him to be loved and respected by all who knew him. That his zeal for and fidelity to the Masonic Institution was a marked and distinguished trait in his character. That as a son, father, brother, neighbor and friend he faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him with singular fidelity.

Resolved, That our deceased Companion has gone to the world of spirits in a good old age, like a shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest, leaving not a stain or blemish upon his long and useful life; and that although the members of this Grand Chapter, in common with the family and other friends of the deceased, regret the loss of his counsel and advice; yet in the midst of our regrets we realize the consolation that in his departure from this life he now lives in realms of light and everlasting bliss.

# Submitted by,

A. A. Dame, Jno. K. Hall, Jno. McClellan.

The petition of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, at Enfield, for leave to remove to Ware, was presented and referred to Companions Kimball, Rand and Foth. The committee subsequently reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and this report was accepted by the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion McClellan, in behalf of the committee appointed to provide better security for the safe keeping of the records of the Grand Chapter, reported that a suitable trunk should be procured, the records placed therein, and the trunk

deposited in some fire-proof safe. The report was unanimously accepted.

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars as a donation be granted to Companion Geo. P. Kettell; and that M. E. Companion John K. Hall be appointed a committee to present the same.

# THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary.

# STATED COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 7, 1864.

A Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 7, A. D. 1864, R. A. M 2394.

# Officers present.

M. E. Solon Thornton						Grand High Priest.
E. John N. Pike						
E. CALEB RAND						Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEO. T. AMBROSE .						G. Master 3d Veil.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN						Grand Secretary.
E. Wm. L. BATCHELDER E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	}					Grand Lecturers.
E. John McClellan } E Wm. F. Knowles						
E. John P. Robinson .						Grand Chaplain.
E. James Kimball						
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL						

# Permanent Members.

WM. PARKMAN, E. W. TOLMAN, WINSLOW LEWIS, A. H. KIRKHAM, CHAS. C. DAME, SAMUEL MILLARD.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form. The records of the



last meeting read and approved. The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's,	MORNING STAR,	KEYSTONE,
KING CYRUS,	ST. PAUL'S,	Pilgrim,
WASHINGTON,	St. John's,	Mystic.
Adoniram,	King Solomon's,	

A petition for a new Chapter, to be located at Fall River, was presented, signed by Thomas D. Chaloner, Joshua Remington, Wm. A. Burt, R. C. Brown, Abner L. Westgate, James C Stafford, Silas Williams, D. Stillwell, James Davenport, Alden Gilbert, Chas. A. Holmes, Robert Henry, Jon. E Morrell and Jas. B. Brayton. This petition was referred to a committee consisting of Companions Rand, Taber and Lawrence, who subsequently submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions of Fall River, for the establishment of a Chapter of R. A. Masons in that city, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB RAND, HENRY TABER 2d. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE.

Boston, June 7, 1864.

The foregoing report was read and unanimously accepted.

A communication from Companion Stephen A. Tripp, of New Bedford, setting forth certain proceedings of Adoniram Royal Arch Chapter in relation to the admission of Companion Henry Taber 2d to membership in that body, was read and laid upon the table. Subsequently this matter was called up, and after a full explanation of the facts in the case from Companion Taber, it was voted that Companion Tripp have leave to withdraw the communication aforesaid.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

A warrant was granted to the petitioners for a new Chapter at Fall River, to be called Fall River Royal Arch Chapter, dated June 7, 1864, to continue in force one year.

# ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

SEPT. 13, 1864.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 13, A. D. 1864, R. A. M. 2394.

## Officers present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON .									Grand High Priest.
M. E. HENRY CHICKERING									Grand King.
M. E. John N. Pike									Grand Scribe.
E. CALEB RAND									
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS									Grand R. A. Captain.
E. George T. Ambrose .									G. Master 3d Veil.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE .									
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .									Grand Secretary.
E. Wm. L. Batchelder E. Alfred F. Chapman	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Grand Lecturers.
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E. James Kimball						C	om	. <b>o</b> i	n Foreign Correspondence.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL .									
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#### Permanent Members.

John McClellan, Wyzeman Marshall, A. A. Dame, E. W. Tolman, Geo. Talbot, Richard Briggs, Samuel Millard, Geo. Sherwin, Wm. W. Baker, Chas. C. Dame.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's,	Mount Zion,
King Cyrus,	THOMAS,
Washington,	Worcester,
ADONIRAM,	MOUNT LEBANON,
MORNING STAR,	St. John's,
St. Paul's,	Berkshire,

KEYSTONE,
MOUNT SINAI,
PILGRIM,
MYSTIC,
SUTTON.



The Committee on Finance made their report, which was accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. M. E. Companions McClellan, Briggs and Rand were appointed a committee to collect, sort and count the votes. The following Grand officers were then unanimously elected, viz:

M. E. Solon Thornton					Grand High Priest.
M. E. CALEB RAND					Dep. Grand High Priest.
E. Albert E. Foth					
E. WANTON T. DREW .					Grand Scribe.
E. Peter C. Jones					Grand Treasurer.
E. Thomas Waterman					Grand Secretary.

The officers thus elected were duly installed, and the following appointments announced from the chair:

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E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	,								Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	,				•				Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE									Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	,								G. Master 3d Veil.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT									G. Master 2d Veil.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS									G. Master 1st Veil.
E. BENJAMIN P. SHILLABER .									Senior Grand Steward.
E. WILLIAM W. WHITMARSH									Junior Grand Steward.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN									Grand Lecturer.
E. REV. RUFUS S. POPE									
E. REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON									Grand Chaplains.
E. REV. JOHN W. DADMUN	I								
E. John McClellan									
E. RICHARD BRIGGS	,								Committee of Finance.
E. Wm. F. Knowles									
E. Peter C. Jones									
	,						. •	٠.	Trustees of the Funds.
E. RICHARD BRIGGS									
E. WM. PARKMAN									
E. THOMAS WATERMAN									Committee of Charity.
E. SAMUBL MILLARD									•
E. James Kimball	_					C	om	. or	Foreign Correspondence.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL	•	•	•	•	•	·			Grand Tyler.
E. LUTHER D. LARBELL	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C

The foregoing appointments were approved by the Grand Chapter, the officers duly installed, and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

The decease of M. E. Companions Benjamin Huntoon, John B. Hammatt and Edward A. Raymond, Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, was announced. Companions Thomas Tolman, Caleb Rand and Theodore H. Emmons were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Companion Huntoon. Companions A. A. Dame, C. C. Dame and Marlborough Williams were appointed a committee to draft similar resolutions on the death of Companion Hammatt. And Companions  $\Lambda$ . A. Dame, John R. Bradford and Robert Keith a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Companion Edward A. Raymond.

The Grand Chapter was then closed with usual ceremonies.

# THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

# STATED COMMUNICATION.

DEC. 13, 1864.

A Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at *Freemasons' Hall*, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 13th, A. D. 1364, R. A. M. 2394.

#### Officers present.

								Grand High Priest.
								Dep. Grand High Priest.
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								Grand Scribe.
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								Grand Royal Arch Captain.
								G. Master 3d Veil.
								G. Master 2d Veil.
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								Grand Treasurer.
								Grand Secretary.
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E. WILLIAM W. WHITM								Grand Steward.		
E. RUFUS S. POPE E. JOHN P. ROBINSON										Grand Chaplains
E. John P. Robinson	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Grand Chaplans.
E. John McClellan } E. Wm. F. Knowles										Committee of Finance
E. Wm. F. Knowles	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	Committee of Phance.
E. Alfred F. Chapman										Grand Lecturer.
E. JAMES KIMBALL										
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL										Grand Tyler.

#### Permanent Members.

WENDELL T. DAVIS, E. M. P. WELLS, A. A. DAME, JOHN R. BRADFORD, SAMUEL MILLARD, E. W. TOLMAN, GYLES P. STONE, WM. W. BAKER, GEORGE TALBOT, WM. PARKMAN, CHAS. C. DAME, HENRY CHICKERING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's,	Worcester,	Berkshire,
King Cyrus',	MT. LEBANON,	KEYSTONE,
WASHINGTON,	NORTHAMPTON,	MOUNT SINAI,
Adoniram,	Concord,	Pilgrim,
MORNING STAR,	St. John's,	WAVERLY,
ST. PAUL'S,	SHERINAH,	ST. MATTHEW'S,
MOUNT ZION,	ORIENT,	Mystic,
THOMAS,	PENTUCKET,	SUTTON.

A petition, signed by Eben Denton, C. C. Allen, Joseph G. Holt, John D. Jennings, S. M. Davis, Eben D. Jones, W. D. Bickford, Thomas Le Francis, Jr., Frank A. Kennedy, Fred. W. Gregory, Lucius R. Paige, Z. H. Thomas, Jr. and William F. Knowles, praying for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Cambridge, was received and referred to a committee consisting of M. E. Companions Wm. Parkman, A. A. Dame and Chas. C. Dame. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of certain Companions of Cambridge, for a Royal Arch Chapter, to be located at

Cambridge, and known as Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter, would respectfully recommend that a dispensation be granted when the petitioners shall comply with the constitutional requirements of obtaining the consent of the nearest Chapter.

Wm. Parkman, A. A. Dame, C. C. Dame.

Boston, December 13, 1864.

A petition was presented, signed by Charles A. Welch, Wm. B. Lerned, Henry Milliken, G. B. Williams, F. Lyman Winship, Louis A. Felix, John C. Locke, H. M. Britton, J. W. Fairbanks, Joseph C. Bates, Henry Martyn, W. J. Underwood, Chas. Moore and W. B. Bothamly, praying for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Waltham, to be named Waltham Chapter. This petition was committed to M. E. Companions Caleb Rand, Wendell T. Davis and Peter C. Jones, who subsequently submitted the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions for the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Waltham, have considered the subject in conference with parties interested and cheerfully report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB RAND,

WENDELL T. DAVIS,

PETER C. JONES.

Boston, December 13, 1864.

The foregoing report, having been read, was unanimously accepted.

The petition for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Taunton was presented, signed by J. W. Crossman, Silas Dean, W. H. Brown, J. M. Cook, John H. Eddy, Charles F. Johnson, Wm. Cox, Edward Mott, S. N. Staples, Edward E. Washburn, Isaac G. Currier, Chas. T. Robinson, E. H. Eldridge, F. G. Shalling, Thomas Y. Rothwell, S. P. Briggs,

Charles Lawton, Zacheus Sherman, A. J. Robinson, John Holland, Charles E. Stephens, J. J. Stanley, R. Henry Hall, L. O. Barnard, E. M. Jones, John E. Brown, Robert Crossman, C. P. Harris, James Utley and D. A. Trefethen, to be called St. Mark's Royal Arch Chapter, and referred to M. E. Companions Henry Chickering, Wm. W. Whitmarsh and Frederic J. Foss. This committee reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and the report was unanimously accepted.

The following report, by M. E. Companion Tolman, was presented, read and unanimously accepted:

The committee, to whom was referred the announcement of the death of the Reverend Benjamin Huntoon, ask leave to submit the following report:

It having pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove from this life our M. E. and Rev. Companion BENJAMIN HUNTOON, of Canton, we desire to place upon our records a tribute of respect, however imperfect it may be, to his memory. He received the degrees in this city about the year 1819, and from that time until his death, a term of more than forty years, was a much beloved and honored member of our Fraternity. In the years 1849, '50 and '51 he was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter; and since that time sustained the office of Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. He was also, at an earlier period of his life, High Priest of the Chapter at Stoughton, (Mt. Zion,) and held at different times many minor Masonic offices. His Masonic addresses were numerous, and several of them were printed. On the 4th of July, 1825, he delivered the oration on the occasion of laying in Masonic form the corner-stone of the Court House at Dedham, in the county of Norfolk, and in the year 1842, at the request of the Grand Lodge, he pronounced a Eulogy on the life and character of the R. W. and Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, of Dorchester, Past Grand Chaplain and Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In the several relations of life he has left an example worthy of imitation. He was a "good man and true," and these words to us have a peculiar significance. Possessing a genial temper, affable manners, gentlemanly deportment, and a kind and sympathizing heart, he secured the respect and affection of a large circle of friends, who, while they mourn his loss, are consoled with the

belief that he is now among those of whom it is said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

THOMAS TOLMAN, CALEB RAND, T. H. EMMONS.

Boston, December 10, 1864.

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, presented the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:

In Grand Chapter, December 13, 1864. The committee appointed to prepare and report resolutions on the death of M. E. Companion John B. Hammatt submit the following:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the universe to remove, as we trust, to a better world, our late Companion JOHN B. HAMMATT, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That in his death one of the brightest lights in the Masonic horizon has been extinguished, that one of the most devoted friends of the Order has been removed from among us.

Resolved, That although his usefulness for over half a century has been prolonged to the Fraternity, and he has realized the assurance, "That the days of our years are three-score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow," still in the remembrance of his devotedness to the best interests of the Masonic Institution we cannot but sincerely deplore his loss.

Resolved, That in calling to mind the virtues of our departed Companion and his accomplishments as a Mason, which endeared him to many friends, and exalted him to the highest honors, we lament that on this occasion so little justice can be done to his memory. For his fidelity to the Order, his punctuality and attention in the path of duty, his unassuming deportment, his courteous and cordial address, his spotless integrity in business, and, we have reason to believe, his unfeigned Christian meekness during a protracted Masonic career of above sixty years, deserve more than a brief resolution in such a life; but his character is written down on our memory. We knew him as among the foremost defenders of our Institution in the dark days of persecution; he has since been with us in our meridian prosperity, and to whom can we compare this noble and exemplary Mason with more fitness than to one of those whose memorial stands in our memory among the most beautiful emblems of Masonry.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Grand Chapter.

Submitted by,

A. A. DAME, CHAS. C. DAME, M. WILLIAMS, M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the decease of M. E. Edward A. Raymond, submitted the following report:

In Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, December 13, 1864, the committee appointed to prepare and report resolutions on the decease of M. E. Companion Edward A. Raymond, submit the following:

Resolved, That we sympathize with the family of our late excellent Companion Raymond in the time of their affliction.

Resolved, That the many offices which he was called to fill in the Masonic Institution, during a period of fifty years, and the acceptable manner in which he performed the duties devolving upon him, affords the best evidence of his fidelity and zeal for the promotion of the best interests of the Fraternity.

Resolved, That his untiring industry, shrewd judgment, and truly economical habits ensured him eminent success in all his business transactions.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records of this Grand Chapter.

A. A. DAME, J. R. BRADFORD.

A communication from King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, of Newburyport, containing the proceedings of that body in relation to the expulsion of a member, was received and referred to Companions Bradford, Williams and Dike; this committee subsequently reported that the action of King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter in the matter aforesaid was in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and the report was accepted.

The Charters of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapters having been unfortunately lost in the destruction of Freemasons' Hall by fire in April last, it was voted that new Charters be granted to the two Chapters aforesaid.

The petition for charity, in behalf of the daughter of the M. E. Thomas Smith Webb, was presented and referred to the Committee of Charity, with full power.

A discussion was had in relation to some parts of the M. E. Master's degree, when it was voted that the old form be retained. The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

Warrants have been granted to the following newly organized

Chapters, all dated Dec. 13, 1864, to continue one year from the date:

CAMBBIDGE CHAPTER, at Cambridge; WALTHAM CHAPTER, at Waltham; St. MARK'S CHAPTER, at Taunton.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

M. E. COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in submitting their Annual Report, cannot forbear congratulating the Royal Craft upon the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry within our own jurisdiction. Our returns show that the number of Charters granted, and the amount of work performed, has been above that of former years; and it gives us pleasure to know that every grade of Masonry within our old Commonwealth, rejoices in the same prosperity.

But in the midst of our prosperity we are reminded of the uncertainty of all earthly greatness, for our Order has been called to mourn and lament, and say with the Prophet of old, "Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burnt up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste."

On the night of the 6th of April, 1864, the Winthrop House, in the city of Boston, owned by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which were the beautiful Masonic Apartments occupied by the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies meeting in Boston, was entirely consumed by fire. The valuable Masonic Library, consisting of upward of 1000 volumes, many of them of priceless value; its series of portraits of former Grand Masters, with all of the costly banners, regalias and decorations owned by the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies, were entirely consumed. May it not be the privilege of our Brethren to behold ere long the commencement of another Temple, which shall stand as a monument of the architectural skill of the age in which we live, and worthy of the Institution for whose service it shall be erected.

From abroad we have received the Proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, viz:

Canada, .				.•				•					Aug.	1863.
Connecticut	,	ž				•		•					May,	1863.
Iowa,	•		•		•		•		•	•	•		June,	1863.
Illinois, .													Oct.	1863.
Indiana, .		•		•						•			May,	1864.
Kentucky,				•			•		•		•	•	Oct.	1863.
Minnesota,		•			•	•		•					Oct.	1863.
Maine, .			•		•	•	•	•				•	June,	1864.
Michigan ·	•			•		•	•	٠.	٠.				May,	1864.
Maryland a	nd	Di	stri	ct	of	Co	lun	abie	١,				Nov.	1863.
New York,		•	•			•		•	•			•	Feb.	1863.
New Jersey	,	•		•		•		•	•	•			Sept.	1863.
Rhode Islan	d,			•	•	•		•		•	•		March,	1863.
Vermont,	•		•	•	•		•		•	•	•		Oct.	1863.

We commence our list with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

# CANADA.

The 6th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, was holden in the city of Toronto, on the 11th day of August, 1863. M. E. John Charles Frank, Grand Z. presiding.

The address of the Grand Z. was confined to a retrospect of occurrences during the recess, and the necessary information on such matters as required the action of the Grand Body. He communicates the replies to the "address of condolence," which was adopted by the Grand Chapter and transmitted to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, informing the Grand Chapter "that their sympathy was fully appreciated by Her Majesty." In concluding his report he remarks:

"The occurrences of the recess just past may be wound up in the few words—'Peace and prosperity reigned within our sanctuaries;' and as to the future, the harmony of subordinate Chapters seems so complete as to call for but little legislation."

The following Resolution was adopted:

"That whereas the present Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Canada enacts that no honorary jewel shall be worn therein that is not consistent with those Degrees recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter; and whereas it is necessary to define those Degrees, therefore, it is declared that this Grand Chapter recognizes and acknowledges the E. A., F. C., and M. M., of the Craft Degrees, the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees, and the Knights Templars and the Knights of Malta; to obtain the two last Degrees a Knight must be a Royal Arch Companion."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, our own not having been received. From this review we notice the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to March 11th, 1863. The Grand Scribe congratulates the Grand Chapter of Scotland on its increased prosperity, six new Chapters having been established, and five dormant ones re-opened with a large increase of members. We also notice that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, at a meeting held on the 17th of December, 1862, suspended four Chapters and thirteen Companions of the Order resident in Glasgow, for insubordination and disobedience to the Supreme Chapter. It seems from the report that these suspended Companions formed themselves into what they called a General Grand Royal Arch Chapter for Scotland and the Colonies. They commenced issuing charters and working the Royal Arch Degrees. A manifesto was issued by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland on the 13th of April, 1863, "intimating to all sister Grand Chapters, and to request that the usual publicity may be given to it among their daughter Chapters, in order that these Chapters may not, through ignorance, communicate with spurious Chapters and expelled brethren." The names of these brethren are given, all of whom reside in Glasgow.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, of Quebec, was elected Grand Z., and E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, was re-elected Grand Scribe, E.

Number of Chapters reported, 22; number of members reported, 854.

# CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State, was holden in the city of Hartford, on Tuesday, the 12th of May, 1863. M. E. Nathan Dikeman, Grand High Priest, presiding. All but two Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter, from which we present the following extract:

"While the great question of free institutions is upon trial, is it not true that the principles which we profess as Masons are upon trial also? Are not our professions subjected to a test such as we have never before experienced? Hundreds of our brethren and Companions have gone forth under a patriotic sense of duty, and given their lives a sacrifice upon the altar of their country. Their bodies rest beneath the long low mounds of the battle-field, unwatched save by the stars; no monument to mark their resting place, and their identity known only to the 'All-seeing Eye' of Omnipotence. They went forth confident in the belief that should they fall, those who were near and dear to them and dependent on them, would, among Masons, find friends who would 'administer relief to their distresses and comfort their afflictions.' Shall it be said that their belief was an empty delusion? Shall their blood cry to heaven to witness our perfidy? That when the hour of trial came we were found wanting? That Masonry is an institution whose members are active and faithful only under the sunshine of prosperity? The hour and time has come to test the great principles which we profess. Let us see to it that we meet the issue with open heart and hand, and prove to the world that in the hour of adversity and trial our charities and sympathies are co-extensive with the occasion which calls them forth."

The Grand High Priest also alludes "to an evil which exists in many Chapters of promoting officers in subordinate stations in regular succession, not so much for their capacity to fill the superior office, as from a feeling that common practice has made it due to them, when once in the line of promotion." This subject was referred to a special committee, who reported the following Resolution which was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"Resolved, That in all elections in our several Chapters (Grand and Subordinate,) it is the duty of Companions to elect to office those of their number who are best qualified to fill the stations to which they are elected, without reference to the position which they occupy in the Chapter, thereby making their several bodies more effective as working Royal Arch Masons and as subordinate bodies."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Comp. William Storer, and is an interesting document, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, our own included. Many of these reports were noticed in our proceedings of last year. In concluding his report he remarks:

"We have seen that Royal Arch Masons, so far as we have been permitted to receive tidings from them, continue to be true to their Masonic obligations of 'obedience to the government of the country in which they live;' that they give 'no countenance to disloyalty or rebellion;' that they are disposed 'patiently to submit to legal authority;' and that they generally practice those virtues out of the Chapter that are inculcated in it."

Let us all, Companions—and all Masons everywhere, adhere strictly to the principles and inculcations of this "best of human organizations." And may our Supreme Grand High Priest, in great mercy, speed the day when wars and rumors of wars shall be hushed in all our land, when peace, righteousness and justice shall universally prevail! So mote it be! Amen.

M. E. Asa Smith, of Norwalk, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp, E. G. Storer, of New Haven, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Whole number of Chapters, 22; whole number of members as reported, 1745; whole number exalted, 143.

## IOWA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Iowa met in Annual Convocation in Iowa City, on the 30th of May and 1st of June, 1863. M. E. L. S. Swafford, Grand King, presiding. Number of Chapters represented, 10.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the M. E. Grand High Priest, Caleb Lamb, explaining the reasons of his absence. He says:

"In November last I laid aside the staff and took up the sword, and offered my services to the Government, to assist in putting down the rebellion now raging in our beloved country. I hope the old flag of our Union may soon wave over all States and Territories of our national domain, and peace and harmony be again restored to our afflicted country."

The E. Grand King presented his annual address, communicating the following circular, issued by the Grand High Priest, before his departure for the seat of war:

" To the Officers and Companions in this Jurisdiction:

COMPANIONS:—As it becomes necessary for me to be absent from the State for an indefinite period, the duties of Grand High Priest for the time being will devolve upon my deputy, R. E. Dr. E. A. Guilbert, of Dubuque. All communications designed for the Grand High Priest will be addressed to him until otherwise ordered.

Yours, fraternally,

[L. s.] CALEB LAMB, Grand High Priest.

Attest.; W. B. LANGRIDGE, Grand Secretary."

"In accordance with this circular, I considered it right and proper for R. E. Dr. E. A. Guilbert, Dep. Grand High Priest, to exercise the functions of the Grand High Priesthood until very recently. On consultation with my associates in office and with others, I was led to decide otherwise. As there seems to be some ground for a difference of opinion upon this matter, regarding the duties and prerogatives of some of the Grand Officers, I suggest that the matter be referred to a committee, with instruction to report such alterations as they may think right and proper, to make the duties of the Grand Officers definite, plain and explicit; and, as I believe this is the first time a case of the kind has presented itself, we should at once meet it with the consideration it demands, and guard every avenue against innovation and confusion."

There is nothing further of general interest alluded to in the address of the Grand High Priest pro tem.

The Dep. Grand High Priest, in presenting his address, gives his reasons for not assuming the duties of the chair, and says:

"That he has delegated that duty to the R. E. Grand King; and for reasons which I desire to explain, inasmuch as a grave question of jurisprudence is involved, which it is important you should consider and decide. My attention was called to this matter only yesterday forenoon, by our excellent Grand Secretary, who propounded a question in his peculiarly clear phraseology, which seemed to me very novel indeed. I had before given the matter no thought, and had considered the action of our most excellent Grand High Priest in devolving upon me the duties of his high station, as perfectly in accordance with the spirit and scope of Royal Arch Masonry. I was prevented from investigating the matter by reason of the fact with which I was familiar, and which is well known to all students of Masonry, that, in the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master is absent from the jurisdiction, or is not in attendance at the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy presides for him as his proxy; and being next in rank to his Masonic chief, is Grand Master de facto. Since my attention has been called to this matter I have given it much thought; and the views I here express are approved by the Grand Council, &c. I hold that Royal

Arch Masonry, in its theory of construction, differs essentially from Blue Lodge Masonry. In the Grand Chapter we have what is called the Grand Council, and which is composed of three Companions, viz: the M. E. Grand High Priest, King and Scribe. The founder of Royal Arch Masonry—with reverence be it spoken—based the theory of the Order upon the idea of the Trinity; and this theory runs through all the majestic ceremonial of Royal Arch Masonry, and more or less colors all its laws and ceremonials. In America, owing to the fact that the lodges and chapters have become somewhat blended, because they have a common membership, and because Grand Officers of Grand Chapters have not thought of these things, or, if having thought, have not pronounced authoritatively thereupon; and because the General Grand Chapter has fallen into the error of recognizing the Deputy Grand High Priest as the superior officer to the Grand King and Scribe, the scope of the organization has been lost sight of almost entirely; but in England, which is the alma mater of Royal Arch Masonry in America, the lines are so distinctly drawn between the two branches of the Order 'that he who runs may read.' The Grand Council there, is a three-headed unity. This body and not the Grand High Priest alone, makes all the appointments, and collectively decides, when in session, all questions of Royal Arch Masonry polity which may arise. They are endowed alike with certain prerogatives, and they have the same illustrious title. These being facts, it naturally follows that when one of the heads is removed by death or absence, the next highest officer, viz: the Most Excellent King succeeds to the chief seat in the sanctuary; and in his absence the Most Excellent Scribe becomes thus exalted. The Deputy Grand High Priest holds an anomalous position. In my opinion, the office is no more needed than is a fifth wheel to an omnibus. He is a mere ornamental appendage of the chief officers of the Grand Chapter, or in other words, being really the Deputy of the Grand Council, he is simply a servant with three masters, without honors, emoluments or position. 'He runs with the machine' but is not of it. He is but a tenant at will of a station which is only one of sufferance. He is a feebly shining satelite revolving in an erratic and ill-defined orbit around the shining suns who illuminate the sanctuary. His 'ineffectual fires' should be effectually 'paled' by abolished the office entirely."

The Deputy Grand High Priest also recommends the adoption of a resolution abolishing the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

From a careful consideration of this question, we have come to a different conclusion from that to which our M. E. Companion has arrived; and we think that if he had taken *more time* to examine it in all of its bearings he would also have come to a like conclusion. It should be the duty, and no doubt is the desire, of every Grand Chapter, to maintain and perpetuate the organization and work of

Royal Arch Masonry, as it has been transmitted to us from the past, adhering "to the ancient landmarks of the Order." By referring to the original Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, adopted in 1799, we find, in Article II., Sec. 1st, it prescribes who shall be members of State Grand Chapters—"they shall severally consist of Grand High Priest, Dep. Grand High Priest. Sec. 2d gives to the Grand and Dep. Grand High Priest (and to them only) authority to call special meetings. Sec. 5th gives to the same (and to them only) "power and authority whenever they shall deem it expedient (during the recess of the Grand Chapter) to grant letters of dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners empowering them to open a Chapter, &c."

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was instituted on the 13th of March, 1798, on the same day with the institution of the Grand Chapters of New York and Rhode Island; and there is but little doubt that the time of the organization of these Deputy Grand Chapters was fixed at a Convention, holden in Boston, in the Fall of 1797, as the Royal Arch Masons of these States were represented.

The first Constitution adopted provided for the election of a Deputy Grand High Priest, and defined his duties; the same provisions have been continued to the present time; and we find that the first charters granted by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, was to St. Andrew's of Boston, and King Cyrus of Newburyport, the two Masonic bodies that had created the State Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; and these are signed by the Grand High Priest, the Dep. Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, and from that time to the present this practice has been continued. At the installation of the Dep. Grand High Priest he is charged, that in the absence of the Grand High Priest he is to preside over the Craft. The Grand King is charged, that in the absence of the Grand High Priest and Dep. Grand High Priest he is to preside; thus defining their duties in the most concise manner. We think that the same system has been adopted by most of the Grand Chapters; and we should regret any change which might impair or weaken our Organization.

We admit, with our E. Companion, that the theory of the Order may have been founded upon the Holy Trinity, and it was to perfect that theory that a Deputy was to be chosen, that in the absence of the High Priest his place should be filled by an officer possessing equal qualifications with himself, without vacating the office of King or

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Scribe, for it is not always that the King has attained to the office of High Priest in a Chapter. Take the present case,—if the Deputy has no powers then the Council has none, if our Companion's views are correct, for it ceases to be a triune body. To prevent the possibility of their being a vacancy in the office of Grand High Priest, this office was created and intrusted to an officer possessing equal qualifications. When the Grand High Priest is present he (the Deputy Grand High Priest) "is to assist him with his counsel and his co-operation;" but that he "is a servant with three masters, without honors, emoluments or position," we cannot so see it.

Again; we think that if the General Grand Chapter has fallen into the error of recognizing the Dep. Grand High Priest as the superior officer to the Grand King or Scribe it is a preof of its correctness, not because we think that body infallible, but it is to us, presumptive evidence that when the Gen. Grand Chapter was instituted by the several Grand Chapters, who met in convention for that purpose, they intended it to be so regarded as the usage of Royal Arch Masonry.

Upon the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into America it was changed somewhat from that of England, and whatever may be our opinions as to the wisdom of those changes, we are bound to preserve and transmit it as we received it, as well in its organization as its work. If we wish to revise it let it be by referring to the past, rather than by our views of what we may consider improvements at the present day. It is true that by the action of the General Grand Chapter they have left it to each Grand Chapter to take such action on such questions, as they may determine to be right, but not altering the ancient usages of the Order. But will it not be for the best interests of our Institution to adhere to the landmarks as they have been handed down to us by our fathers in Masonry?

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was committed the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, reported that they had considered the same, and that the position taken by him they regard as sound Masonic law, and recommend that the resolution reported by him be adopted. Resolved, That the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, be, and hereby is abolished; and that the appellation, wherever it occurs in the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Chapter, be stricken out. Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a review of the proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, and say: "We shall abstain from comment upon the disturbed state of the country, but shall reserve the privilege of quoting an occasional eloquent or patriotic passage as we find them before us, and proceed at once to lay before you the result of our labors."

M. E. Comp. W. E. Woodward was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. W. B. Langridge re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 28; number of members, 555; number of exaltations, 60. 7 Chapters have failed in making their annual reports. Amount of Grand Chapter dues paid in, \$430.

#### ILLINOIS.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Springfield on the 9th of October, 1863. M. E. James H. Hibberd, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The report of the Grand High Priest was confined to the present condition of Royal Arch Masonry within his own jurisdiction. From his report we learn that many of the chapters, in consequence of the great number of their members being in the service of their country, have become reduced to such an extent, that it is almost impossible for them to continue their work, thus embarrassing the Grand Chapter by the inability of the Subordinates in paying up their dues. When it is remembered, that in most of the jurisdictions outside of New England, the officers and representatives receive a mileage and per diem for their services, requiring from one to three thousand dollars annually to meet their current expenses, we can well understand how the Grand Chapters, who are entirely dependent upon the activity of their Subordinates, must feel their embarrassments at the present time. Perhaps there is no jurisdiction that has been so largely affected by the demands made upon the patriotism of the people as this thriving State; and no institution has felt it more than our own, made up as it is of those who are engaged in the active pursuits of life, and who have ever been found ready at all times to meet the demands of their country. We trust that the day is not far distant when Peace may again smile upon us, and our Companions of the West be permitted to turn "their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." We tender to them our sympathies, and can only pray that the great "I AM" in His infinite mercy, will prepare the way for a sure, speedy and permanent peace.

The Grand High Priest reports:—"That he had applications during the year, from members of Chapters residing near the State line, to demit and join Chapters in the adjoining State, giving as the reason that the Chapter in the adjoining State was nearer their place of residence than the one of which they are members. I did not grant the applications, believing that the precedent would be an injurious, if not fatal one, upon that and other Chapters thus situated; for if the principle was carried out in all of the Chapters near the State line it would reduce the revenue of the Grand Chapter and so weaken those Chapters that they would soon cease to exist. Also the subject of State jurisdiction would bring them in conflict with each other in matters of discipline and be a constant source of trouble."

We think it would be unwise to grant applications of this character, and that it would be subversive of the true spirit of our Institution, and be the means of introducing an element of discord, which should be banished from our councils.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was from the Grand Secretary, but owing to his pressing duties was not as full as usual, we find. Memorial Pages are dedicated to the memories of *nineteen Companions* who have fallen in battle.

Amongst the standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter we notice the following:

"That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons."

"That no Chapter or officer, or member thereof, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason of any degree to proceed from Chapter to Chapter as a pauper or in any itinerant manner apply to Chapters for relief."

M. E. Hiram W. Hubbard, of Bloomington, was elected Grand High Priest and E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Secretary. Number of Chapters, 62; number of Chapters U. D., 4; Military Chapters, 1; total, 67. Number of members in 48 Chapters, 1929; estimated in 18 Chapters not reported, 360; total, 2289; number exalted, 347; number of deaths as reported, 47.

## INDIANA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden in the city of Indianapolis on the 18th and 19th of

May, 1864. M. E. Erastus W. H. Ellis, Grand High Priest presiding. The Grand High Priest reports:

"That he takes pleasure in announcing the continued and increasing prosperity of our Order. In some instances few additions have been made to our membership, but in none has a Chapter ceased from its labor."

Dispensations were granted to Companions in Plymouth, Marshall County, and Newcastle, Henry County, for the formation of Chapters under this jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest reported his decision upon the application of a High Priest of a Chapter upon the propriety of conferring the Chapter Degrees upon a brother, who for many years had been a Master Mason and Master of a Lodge, but who had lost his left arm in the service of his country.

"I replied, that in my opinion he was capable of receiving, understanding and communicating the Degrees, and that the Chapter would have authority to confer them. Freemasonry will not require a more perfect physical organization than would be necessary in the commander of an army, or in the occupant of a seat in the Cabinet or the Presidential chair;—

'The mind's the standard of the man.'"

Upon the reference of the report and address of the Grand High Priest to the usual Committee, this subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who submitted the following report:

"That they much regret the necessity that compels them to differ with the M. E. Grand High Priest in the views he has expressed in this case. While your Committee freely admit the truth of the maxim that 'the mind's the standard of the man,' they cannot admit that the mind is the whole of the man, and all the prerequisites which render him eligible to be made a Royal Arch Mason. Your Committee could, with equal propriety, quote the words of him 'who spake as never man spake,' that 'from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh;' yet all very well know that Masonry has a universal language, whose utterances, while they are prompted by the impulses of the heart, are not expressed through the mouth at all, and it is this peculiar language that constitutes the distinctive feature in our organization.

Your Committee therefore think the decision of the M. E. Grand

High Priest, given in this particular case, to be erroneous; for he who is incapacitated by physical defects from learning or correctly speaking this universal language is thereby wholly unqualified to be made a Royal Arch Mason.

Rule 33 of the Rules for the Government of Chapters reads as

follows:

'When the physical disability of a candidate is not such as to prevent him from complying literally with the ceremonies of the degree, his admission will not be considered an infringement of the ancient landmarks.'

Now your Committee would suggest that a brother who had lost his left arm could not comply literally with the ceremonies of either of the degrees, not only in one, but in many particulars. Your Committee further believe that it is best to adhere strictly to the 'OLD LAND-MARKS,'—that all applicants for the privileges of Masonry must be perfect, 'having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art.'

This report was adopted by the Grand Chapter, on a call of officers and Chapters, by a vote of 107 ayes to 8 nays. We have presented this report in full, for it may be brought home to us in the present day with much force; our patriotism may cause us to forget our duties as Royal Arch Masons. This wicked rebellion has maimed many a brother who would do honor to our Royal Craft, but will they not be physically disabled from working in the rough quarries of life, or of aiding and assisting in rebuilding the house of the Lord? May we be prepared to act wisely and in accordance with our ancient landmarks.

The following Resolution was also adopted by a suspension of the Rules of the Grand Chapter:

"Whereas, It is the duty of all true Masons to contribute of their means, as the Great Architect of the universe has blessed them, for the relief of the needy and suffering; and, whereas, the sons of Indiana on the battle-field and in hospitals, now demand our sympathics and aid; therefore,

"Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay into the hands of the Sanitary Commission of this State the amount of one day's per diem of each paid Representative and Grand Officer in this Grand Chapter, to be deducted from the pay of each, and to be devoted to the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers of the State."

The amount thus donated from forty-four members was \$176.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report the reception of

the preceedings from sixteen State Grand Chapters, our own not amongst them; and in concluding their report remark:

"Our labors in this regard are now brought to a close. We have found it indeed a labor of love. At every step of our progress we have been cheered with the evidences presented of the prosperity of the Craft. Civil commotions and the heat of partizan strife have only rendered more conspicuous the beauties of our Order; and to-day, as it stands ready with its mantle of love to embrace the whole world in its charity, it is more dear to those who worship at its shrine than ever before."

M. E. Sol D. Bayless, of Fort Wayne, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Francis King, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Secretary. Number of Chapters, 48; number of members, 1530; number exalted the last year, 125.

### KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was holden in the city of Louisville on the 19th day of October, 1863. The M. E. Thomas Sadler, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, thus alludes to the trials that press upon our Institution in his own jurisdiction:

"My Companions, in consequence of the lamentable troubles in our ence happy but now distracted country, I am sorry to say that Royal Arch Masonry has not prospered in many parts of the State, as I could have wished; but I hope and pray for a speedy re-union of full fellowship and brotherly love among the Craft throughout the whole State and country, and that every Companion will strictly adhere to all the charges given to Past Masters."

A charter was granted to Antioch Chapter, and a dispensation to twelve Companions for a Chapter in Salem, Livingston County, by the name of Bristow Chapter. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Companions in this jurisdiction, but a small number of Chapters were represented at this Convocation. No business was transacted excepting the ordinary business of the session.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, from M. E. Comp. S. D. McCullough, Dep. Grand High Priest, is an interesting report,

reviewing the proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters, all of which are on our files. We should do injustice to this report if we failed to present the concluding portion of it. He says:

"'Masonry is not religion,' any more than the fulfilment of the prophesies make a religion. The screams of the wild beasts about Babylon, the hooting of the owl, the dancing of the satyr, the crying of the dragons 'in her pleasant palaces' do not make up a religion, but are the fearful fulfilment of the terrific prophecies regarding that long-lost city ruined for its sins. The sculptured stones about the marble halls of Nineveh, are not a religion, but are the wonderful proofs of the tremendous truths of prophecy, and the living witnesses of God's wrath upon that magnificent city so graphically described by the Prophet.\* The broken pillars and shattered columns before the 'exceeding magnifical' temple at Jerusalem, the ploughed up stones, the ruined porch, the prostrate altars, the dried up lavers, are not a religion, but the terrible witnesses to the truth of God's word,—'there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.' Even thus the present altar of the Mason, his sandal, his cord, his lesser and greater lights, his Mosaic pavement, his columns, his tesselated border, his blazing star, his naked heart, his spear, his sprig of evergreen, his lamb skin 'more ancient than the golden fleece or Roman eagle' ARE NOT a RELIGION—they are only symbols pointing back to the faith of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and Moses, in the coming of one great atonement, the 'Lamb of God;' the 'Lion of the tribe of Judah;' the doctrine of the Trinity, the doctrine of the resurrection through the great 'SUBSTITUTE' of God for man.

And when we enter the precincts of a Masonic Lodge or Chapter frequented by Christian men, we stand within the threshold of a living, abiding miracle, whose mysteries, symbols and rites pointed out, long before they occurred, the dim prophetical drama of the profoundly solemn events which in the future to them, should take place in Jerusalem when there should be 'darkness over the earth from the sixth to the ninth hour.' Our old society is not a religion, nor does it teach · a religion, nor can it save one soul of all the countless hosts who have assisted in its ceremonies; but it stands like a venerable beacon on the earth, looming up like a mirage, or, like the old pyramids and chiselled columns of the desert, pointing us back to events long gone by, but pointing Abraham and Moses and David and Isaiah and Daniel, to events which were to occur hundreds of years after they had slept with their fathers. Masonry is not a religion; it is a drama, a symbol a link connecting the living with the dead—the born with the unborn! It is the hyphen point connecting the past with the present and future, that one grand point being the mystery of all mysteries, the sacrifice of the 'Lamb of God' and his resurrection from the grave."

\* Nahum iii.

† 1 Chron. xxii: 5.

! Matt. xxiv: 2.

M. E. Samuel D. McCullough was elected as Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. Phillip Swigert was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Whole number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 71; 33 Chapters made no report; number of members reported in 38 Chapters, 1080; number of exaltations reported in 38 Chapters, 109.

#### MINNESOTA.

The Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State was holden at the city of St. Paul, on the 28th of October, 1863. M. E. A. E. Ames, Grand High Priest, presiding. Every Chapter under this jurisdiction was represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reported that he had granted dispensations to two Chapters, located in the towns of Faribault and Winona; the doings of the M. E. Grand High Priest were approved and charters granted. The address of the Grand High Priest was very brief and will not require an extended notice, being confined to local matters. The only business acted upon, aside from the election and installation of officers, was the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the work adopted by the Committee of the G. G. R. A. C. of the U. S. of A., at their session in Washington, D. C., in April, 1860, be, and the same is hereby declared to be adopted as the work of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Resolved, That M. E. A. T. C. Pierson, Past Grand High Priest be, and is hereby appointed a Grand Lecturer to disseminate the work adopted by the Grand Chapter."

We regret to say that in Massachusetts we have not yet seen the work adopted by the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, from the Chairman, Comp. Pierson, Grand Secretary, is an able and interesting one; giving a historical sketch of the formation of the several State Grand Chapters, and also of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States. We should do injustice to the labors of the Committee by presenting extracts from this report, as it should be presented entire, but our limits will not allow it. But we must be excused for correcting the date assigned to the organization of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Our Grand Chapter was organized on the 13th of March, 1798; and there is but little doubt that this time was agreed upon for the organization of the

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Grand Chapters of New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts by the convention of delegates which assembled at Boston on the 24th of October previous. The Committee in concluding their report say:

"That they have deviated from custom, and what is considered the legitimate work of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and no apology is offered for so doing. We believed that in noticing the organization of each Grand body, useful matter for future reference would be presented. It is a source of pleasure to us to be assured of the attachment of our young sister to its parent, the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States, whilst many of the older organizations are doing all in their power to cripple its usefulness, our young sister reminds them of their duty by referring them to the obligation taken by every Royal Arch Mason, saying, 'That provision has never been changed and is still in force.' It is possible that this report may be seen by some of our Companions 'way down in civilization,' and if so, they may conclude that we take too ultra positions relative to the Gen. Grand Chapter. To such, all we ask is a fair examination and investigation of the facts stated. If we are wrong no one will be more ready to acknowledge it; but we want the evidence first. We believe that obligations taken are matters not entered into 'for the fun of the thing,' and of no binding force, but that they are of binding force; that no man can, of his own volition, and when it suits his purposes, absolve himself from their requirements. Every Royal Arch Mason, if regularly made, and every High Priest, if regularly installed, since 1806, of every Grand and Subordinate Royal Arch Chapter, has taken an obligation to maintain and support the Gen. Grand Royal Arch Con-There is a spirit of insubordination abroad in the land that must be checked, or our system is gone. That will be done which all the powers of anti-Masonry failed to accomplish. The arguments used against the Gen. Grand Chapter are exactly the same that the folks down South used against the General Government. The one in our opinion is about as rational as the other. There is no safety. except in sustaining and obeying the laws; if they are onerous, or unequal, change them; but do it legitimately."

We cheerfully endorse the views as expressed by our M. E. Comp. Pierson, fully believing that our only safety lies in adhering to the laws and ancient landmarks of our Order. Masonry was never intended to be shaped to the popular and shifting opinions of the present day, nor to be governed by the democratic idea of the popular will; it is to be governed by the usages of the past, rather than by the customs of the present, and if our Companions in the far West are so far removed

from "civilization," they should congratulate themselves that they have not the modern heresies to contend with.

The M. E. G. W. Prescott, of St. Paul, was elected Grand High Priest; and R. E. A. T. Pierson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 6; number of exaltations, 69; number of members, 189.

#### MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was holden in the city of Portland, on the 2d day of May, 1864. The M. E. Grand High Priest, John J. Bell, presiding. Thirteen Chapters, the whole number in this jurisdiction, represented.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted dispensations for new Chapters to Companions at Brunswick, to be called St. Paul's; to Companions at Skowhegan, to be called Somerset; to Companions at Machias, to be called Washington; and to Companions at Calais, to be called St. Croix Chapter. The Grand High Priest also reported the following decision made by him during the recess:

"The Companions named in the dispensation are the only members of a Chapter U. D., and no other Companions can be admitted to ballot."

He also reported the death of E. Comp. Arthur Shirley, for many years the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maine:

"An earnest and faithful Mason while he remained on earth, his interest in our institution never flagged, and though for some years he could not from his infirmities meet with us. still his wishes and his hopes were with us; and even after his sight had departed, on one occasion, at least, he was present to cheer his Companions with his counsels and his prayers."

There are also reports from the Dep. Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe reporting their visitations to the Chapters assigned them by the Grand High Priest. From the reports of the Grand Council we learn that Royal Arch Masonry in Maine is in a prosperous and healthy condition. May the day be far distant, when we shall hear, that any thing but peace and prosperity reigns throughout her borders.

The Committee on Masonic jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest: "The Grand High Priest has no authority to grant a dispensation to fill a vacancy in the Council of a Chapter, occasioned by death, although he may in a subordinate office;" submitted the following report which was accepted and adopted:

"That the only restriction upon the power of the Grand High Priest to grant dispensations to fill vacancies in the offices of subordinate Chapters, is, in their opinion, the right and duty of one officer, under the constitutions and usages of the Order, to succeed to the duties and powers of another office in case of a vacancy. Hence, when there is a vacancy in any office, to the duties of which, or of an officer superior to it, an inferior officer by right succeeds, under our constitutions and usages, and that inferior office is not vacant, the Grand High Priest has no power to issue a dispensation to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the office of High Priest, the King, by the constitution and usages of the Order, has the prerogative to fill the vacant station and perform its duties. It is not only his right, but his duty, imposed upon him as an incident to his office. And as an installed officer cannot resign or waive his rights, it would seem that he is bound to perform the duties of High Priest in case of a vacancy, and cannot waive his right to do so. In case of a vacancy in the offices of High Priest and King, the Scribe succeeds to the same duties and powers. As these rights are granted and these duties are imposed by the constitutions and usages of the Order, the Grand High Priest cannot interfere and deprive them of these rights, or excuse them from these duties.

Applying these principles, we find that a vacancy in the office of High Priest cannot be filled by dispensation as long as there is a King or Scribe to perform the duties; nor in the office of King as long as there is a Scribe; for although the Scribe never succeeds to the duties of the King, yet if the office should be filled by a new election, it cuts off the Scribe from succeeding to the duties of High Priest, should there subsequently be a vacancy in that office, and thereby deprives him of rights which, under the constitutions and long established usages, he acquires by his installation. But as in case of vacancy in the office of Scribe, no inferior office succeeds to its duties, it follows that the vacancy may be filled by an election under a dispensation from the Grand High Priest. For the same reason if there are vacancies in both offices of King and Scribe, or if all three offices in the Council be vacant, the Grand High Priest may properly grant a dispensation for an election to fill them."

The Committee on the "Doings of Grand Officers," reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That whenever a dispensation is granted for conferring degrees, it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same, to require and receive of the Chapter to whom the same may be granted, the sum of three dollars for each candidate, for the dispensation, which shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer for the sole use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Chapter; and the Chapter shall require of each candidate five dollars in addition to their usual fee."

Charters were granted to the several Chapters U. D., viz: Washington, Somerset, St. Paul's and St. Croix. Memorial pages were dedicated to the memories of Nathaniel Coffin, Past Grand High Priest, Charles Chase, Past Dep. Grand High Priest, and Arthur Shirley, Past Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, is as usual, full and complete. The Committee say,—"That in no previous year have they been permitted to recognize courtesies and commendations for this Grand Chapter, so cordial and uniform, as in the present year's correspondence." The reports of seventeen Grand Chapters have passed under the notice of Comp. Pearl, and all that was of importance in these reports have been communicated to the Grand Chapter of Maine. Having such a flood of light shed upon them there is but little doubt that they will "be inspired with persistent endeavors to deserve well of the Royal Craft by integrity, fidelity and devotion to our appropriate work."

M. E. Andrew J. Fuller was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 17; number of members, 877; number of exaltations the past year, 199.

### MICHIGAN.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden at Detroit, on the 11th and 12th of January, 1864. M. E. Benj. Porter, Grand High Priest, presiding. All of the Chapters were represented by their officers, or by their proxies.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had visited all of the Chapters under his jurisdiction but two; and had granted dispensations for two Chapters, to which charters were voted by the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest called the attention of the Grand Chapter to an evil practice which exists in some other portions of our country besides his own. He says:

"It pains me to bring to your notice the practice, which has gained some prevalence in this jurisdiction, of making a matter of barter and sale of what is termed keys to the work. I am aware that this is done with no intention to wrong the Craft, or to lead it astray in forbidden paths, but such is the result, and already I find the evil creeping in and undermining some of the fairest of our temples in this jurisdiction. This should be checked, and if a Companion will so far forget his duty to the Craft or his obligations to himself, as to engage in this traffic, he should be met, first, with the remonstrance, and then with the prohibition of this Grand Body."

In relation to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan he remarks:

"During the year just closed, harmony has prevailed throughout this jurisdiction, whilst, in other States, discord and confusion has kept the workmen from the temple, and shattered those already reared. Within our own, willing hands and true hearts have united in building structures worthy of the Royal Craft. The storm which has spread desolation over a portion of our Union, has reached us only as the waves breaking on a distant shore; fragments of wrecks reaching as occasionally, but leaving us, in the main, untouched."

The Committee on such portions of the address of the Grand High Priest, severally reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That all Chapters under this grand jurisdiction shall conform to the work as adopted by this Grand Chapter, under the penalty of a forfeiture of their charters.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to annul the charter of any Chapter which willfully violates the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the publication and circulation, by sale or otherwise, of keys of the work pertaining to the Chapter degrees, not properly authenticated and approved by the Grand Lecturer, under the direction, or approval of this Grand Chapter, is hereby strictly prohibited, and any violation of this resolution shall subject the Companion so offending to charges for unmasonic conduct, and on conviction, to suspension or expulsion, as a majority of this Grand Chapter may, at any regular meeting, see fit and proper to inflict."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that they had received no communications from any Southern Grand Chapter, and but from twelve of the Grand Chapters of the loyal States; our own for 1862 was acknowledged. In concluding their review, they say:

"That it is our confident hope that during the ensuing year we may again be placed in communication with most, if not all of our sister Grand Chapters; that the erring may return to their duty, from which they have so madly swerved, and that 'peace, love and unity,' once restored, may never again be so sadly dissevered."

The M. E. Benjamin Porter was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 32; number of exaltations, 399; number of members, 1594.

#### MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction was held in the city of Washington, on the 9th of November, 1863.

M. E. J. N. McJilton, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an able and interesting document, giving a full report of his labors for the past year, with many timely suggestions, interesting and instructive to the Fraternity. It is pleasant to learn that at our National Capitol Royal Arch Masonry is a living reality. The Grand High Priest, in speaking of the prosperity of the Order under his jurisdiction, remarks:

"Our Masonic pursuits, to be as prosperous as they appear, must be productive of the best and most satisfactory results. This depends upon the character of the material, which, by our labors, we are introducing into the Masonie brotherhood. If the material be of the right kind, there is success in its introduction; but if the material be not of the proper character, its union with the Fraternity will rather damage than improve the institution. It cannot be too frequently and effectually impressed upon our brethren and Companions, that the prosperity of our society does not consist in the quantity, but in the character of the material they manufacture. Prosperity in the Masonic family does not consist in the great increase of its members, nor in the wealth of its membership, but in the worthiness of character, and usefulness of the co-laborers in the important work of building up a vast moral temple, the area of whose foundation extends over the globe, the elevation of which is to be wrought through time, and its duration commensurate with eternity. A single imperfect ashlar detracts from the beauty and perfection of the edifice we are engaged in erecting; and, once laid upon the walls, it cannot be removed, but must remain as an evidence of the weakness and indiscretion of the builders. Let it be the study and labor of the true and faithful craftsmen to prevent such material

from being placed among the well tried, true and trusty ashlars of our great Masonic temple."

The Grand High Priest reports the death of the Dep. Grand High Priest, Comp. Horatio Nelson Steele, who was elected on the 11th of November, 1862, and died on the 2d of December, 1862; also the death of Comp. Joseph Robinson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, which took place on the 17th of March, 1863:

"Comp. Robinson was highly esteemed by the Masonic Fraternity. His Masonic services extended over a period of fifty-two years; by his enlarged experience he rendered himself one of the most useful, as well as one of the most distinguished members of the Masonic Fraternity."

The Grand High Priest reports the granting of a dispensation for a Chapter in Washington, to be known as Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 20, and a charter was granted by the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest, in closing his address, after speaking of the beauty of the Royal Arch Degree, concludes by saying:

"Companions, if the ground be holy on which we stand as Royal Arch Masons, how careful should we be in guarding the entrance of the same; and with what watchfulness and discretion should we engage in the performance of our work within the tabernacle. The study of the character of the Royal Arch is the duty of every Companion, and in the conforming of his life and actions to its requirements will the beauty of holiness appear, in its visible illustration of the purposes and precepts of the institution, as drawn from the Volume of Inspiration, thus rendered practically apparent in the lives of the members of our ancient and honorable institution, demands the respect and shall secure the admiration of mankind. Companions, we meet upon hallowed ground, walled in by our landmarks. Within the inclosure none but the tried, the true and trusty, are permitted to enter. Let us ever perform our appointed services in the view of the great I AM, whose eye is always over us in vigilant watchfulness and whose hand is ever outstretched to protect and bless us."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of twelve State Grand Chapters, our own amongst the number. We can sympathize with our Companion in the non-reception of reports, as his experience is our own, and although our Grand Secretary has forwarded reports, and we have forwarded

duplicates with a particular request to furnish a copy for our committee, but *one* solitary report has been received by us. We will allow Comp. Stevens to speak for us. He says:

"If our excellent Companions in other jurisdictions desire to perpetuate these interchanges of sentiment and fraternal greetings; if they have an interest in our deliberations as a Grand Chapter, and have not entirely overlooked the fact, that amid the terrible clangour of arms around us and the upheaving of the political elements as with an earthquake's shock, the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia still has a vigorous and healthy existence, and that our Convocations are held one-half of the time under the very shadow of the American Capitol, they will not pass us by in this cold, informal, and unfraternal manner. We have desired particularly to examine the proceedings of some jurisdictions and have taken the pains to write for them, but have failed to obtain them, or even a reply to our letters. We are confident that this is an unintentional negligence on the part of the Companions alluded to, and we trust that this allusion to the matter may serve as a 'word to the wise.'"

### In reference to Massachusetts the Committee say:

"This Grand Chapter, as yet, has taken but little interest in the Royal Craft outside of her own jurisdiction, if we may judge from her annual reports. She has seemed to stand aloof in dignified silence, like our ancient and venerable neighbor, Pennsylvania, always receiving but seldom imparting Masonic knowledge. But of late a new light has dawned upon her vision, and we may expect a change."

The Committee, in reviewing the action of the Grand Chapter of Iowa in abolishing the office of Dep. Grand High Priest, have taken similar views to our own; and as we had completed our review of the proceedings of that jurisdiction, it is a source of gratification to us to find that we are supported in our views by one better versed in Masonic Jurisprudence than ourselves. In conclusion the Committee say:

"Let us then, my Companions, in imitation of the example of our brethren in other jurisdictions, while the destructive elements of war are making such sad havoc all around us, exemplify the God-given principles of our noble Order. Let our charities, which are co-extensive with the universe, be distributed with a liberal hand among all the needy, the afflicted and the destitute everywhere. On fields drenched in blood amid the clangour of arms and the shock of con-

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tending hosts, among friends and foes, wherever humanity suffers, let Masonic charity, like an angel of mercy, perform her heavenly mission. In homes made desolate to the aged, whom the war has deprived of their last stay and hope in this life—to the widow and the orphan—among hearts bleeding and broken—among the weeping and mourning all over the land, let Masonic charity do her office in relieving the hungry, clothing the naked, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, and comforting those who mourn."

M. E. John L. Yeates, of Baltimore, was elected Grand High Priest, and W. Morris Smith, of Washington, D. C., Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 10; number of exaltations the last year, 148; number of members in 9 Chapters, 590.

#### NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation in the city of Albany, on the 3d and 4th days of February, 1863. M. E. George H. Thacher, Grand High Priest, presiding. Most of the Chapters under this large jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand High Priest submitted his annual address, and after congratulating the Order upon the harmony that has existed throughout the entire jurisdiction, he proceeds:

"If any thing were wanting to demonstrate the wholesome influence of Masonry upon those who have been admitted to its fellowship, we need only contrast the condition of our Order with the turmoils and contentions which beset us in almost all other walks and departments of life. Those whose hearts have not been touched by the magic power, nay, I will not say the magic power, but the eternal fire that falls from Heaven upon the mystic altar, know nothing of the sublime faith with which the true Mason gazes upon the turbulence of the outer world, and that, too, when he is himself an actual participant in its conflicts. Nor can they understand why it is that, in the hour of general peril, when the very foundations of society seem to be breaking up, an institution, composed of different political and religious sentiments, of different associations and positions, preserves within itself such perfect accord, and holds its members together with such strong bonds of unity and friendship. They are amazed at the undeniable fact, that this institution, unlike others that have appeared and passed away, has, for so many centuries, survived the convulsion and wreck of states and empires, has withstood both political and religious persecutions aimed directly against itself, and that it still remains as firmly

established as are the everlasting mountains upon their base. We know that the material temple, whose beauty and grandeur have never been surpassed, was overthrown and destroyed amid calamities like those to which we have referred, but that other and still more glorious temple, of which the former was the emblem, is now the dwelling-place of the God of our fathers, and is as indestructible as the pillars of His throne. To Him be all the glory 'For He is good, and His goodness endureth forever.'

I have been led to this train of remarks because of the terrible ordeal through which our people, and our country are now passing, and because I wish it to be placed on record, to be read by future generations, that these trying times have not severed one essential Masonic tie, nor diminished the fraternal regards, which our brethren of all sections of the country have always cultivated, and which have in all ages distinguished the Masonic character. Let me not be misunderstood. I do not pretend that Masons have not, in this deplorable civil contest, been arrayed against each other, in one sense, as enemies; far from it; but I do aver that while they have acted in accordance with their respective convictions of duty in regard to the great issue now pending, they have not permitted the passion of hate to quell the sympathies of brotherhood. Amidst the din of battle, amidst the roar of musketry and the clashing of sabres, as well as in the prison and the hospital, the captive and the wounded, have on both sides, experienced, at the hands of their opposing brethren, acts of kindness and alleviations of suffering which have served to materially assuage and mollify the horrors of war. Not only so, but through their intercession and influence, many of their comrades in arms, not members of the Order, have received, though they know not the cause, the same considerations and the same beneficent treatment. After the battle has ceased instances have been known where the dying soldier has expired with his head on the lap of his Masonic brother, and that brother one who had fought with equal bravery on the opposing side. Others have been nursed and cared for with a tenderness akin to that felt and exercised toward each other by members of the same family. Thank God but few exceptions to this statement have thus far been Let it also be remembered that these acts of kindness have been reciprocal. Thousands of our brothers and Companions, who have been actors in these tragic scenes, will bear their testimony to the truthfulness of what I say, and will forever bless the day that introduced them to the light and knowledge of our sacred mysteries."

We are not aware that our brethren in this jurisdiction are so forgetful of their religious duties in this particular as to be reminded of them, but we commend the following extract to their serious consideration:

"Complaints have been made to me that Royal Arch Masons, in some localities, are accustomed to meet on the Sabbath for the purpose of imparting and receiving lectures and practising the work of the several degrees. In one instance I took occasion to reiterate the reprobation of the practice, as expressed by a resolution of the Grand Chapter on that subject. The reasons given by the Grand Chapter for their condemnation of such conduct, are that the Great Architect of the universe, after six days' labor, in which he brought into being the wonderful works of creation, rested on the seventh; that the Holy Bible, which enjoins the seventh as a day of rest, is the standard of our faith and practice—that it is contrary to the spirit and principles of our Order, and that it brings dishonor and disrepute on our Institution in the estimation of the Christian community. The Grand Chapter might well have advanced the additional reason, that it is against the example of our ancient brethren and Companions, who, not only while engaged in building the first temple, but at all other times, were careful to observe the seventh as the day on which there should be an entire cessation from labor."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on several questions referred to them, which reports were accepted and adopted by the Grand Chapter, viz:

"A Royal Arch Mason, being a member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction, who may reside in another State, is eligible to the office of High Priest."

"A Master Mason, having lost his left arm, cannot be made a Royal

Arch Mason."

The Grand Chapter also confirmed the decision of the Grand Council:

"That the payment of dues restored to membership without further action of the Chapter; and that all dues up to the date of restoration must be paid."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen State Grand Chapters. We can sympathize with Comp. White, Chairman of the Committee, that the proceedings of Massachusetts were not received by him, and it is difficult to understand why so many of the proceedings of our Grand Bodies fail to reach their destination. Having written personally to many of the Grand Secretaries, and mailed a copy of our proceedings,

with a request to reciprocate, we have as yet received but three, and that from Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota. There is but little in their report of general interest, with the exception of the resolutions that they submitted as the result of their labors:

"Resolved, That we are opposed to extensive Masonic legislation as likely to enact rules which cannot at all times be observed.

Resolved, That we believe the great body of Royal Arch Masons are men of sound sense, honorable and upright, who would not know-

ingly violate a Masonic landmark.

Resolved, That a few plain and simple rules for the guidance of subordinates, will be far less liable to variation than a multiplicity of them; and that peculiar circumstances may be safely left to the exigencies of the case in the discretion of the Council.

Resolved, That as Masons the less we say upon the exciting topics now agitating our country, the more perfectly we shall perform our

duty as 'peace makers' among the Craft."

M. E. Darius A. Ogden, of Penn Yan, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John O. Cole re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 95; number of members in 86 Chapters, 4,428; number of exaltations in 86 Chapters, 426; 11 Chapters made no returns.

#### NEW JERSEY.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was held in the city of Trenton, on the 9th day of Sept., 1863. M. E. George B. Edwards, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, from which we present an extract, referring to the advantages to be gained, by a more frequent visitation of our members with neighboring Chapters. He says:

"A more frequent visitation amongst the Chapters would, I believe, tend to cement that unity of feeling so desirous, and create an emulation, inspiring that fraternal regard and esteem which is the true stamp of Masonry. With but few exceptions, and it is a matter of regret that they are so few, the general presence of members is not so numerous as is consistent with the benefits to be derived from attending the regular Convocations of Royal Arch Chapters; this may arise from causes beyond the control of Companions, but I fear that it is an

evidence of that want of zeal evinced by many of the Craft, through a misconception of their duties and from unproficiency in the art, from which latter cause they lose much of the esoteric beauties; heeding not the charge delivered at their exaltation: 'If in all these things you have seen only a series of unmeaning rites, if the spirit of truth has not applied to your hearts the moral of these ceremonies, then, indeed, have we labored in vain, and you have spent your time for naught.'

The necessity of causing candidates to acquire a certain proficiency in the several degrees before advancement, is a subject which I respectfully submit for your consideration. The materials brought up to our mystic temple compare favorably with that of any previous term, and I think will be found largely to exceed that of last year numerically, while it will be discovered by the returns to be the work of a smaller number of Chapters. Capitular Masonry is increasing with us, and the prospects are flattering. The standard by which the ashlars are measured is of high tone; this, with a due regard to the overseer's squares, will be the means of preserving an excellence for which New Jersey has not been undistinguished among her compeers."

The following remarks are timely, and should be borne in mind by every Companion who regards the true mission of our Order:

"Companions, guard well the portals of our beautiful temple; beware of innovations, not only relating to our ritual, but those of politics and sectarian religion; they have no part in Masonry, no conformity with an institution in which are found 'men of every country, sect and opinion.' I am constrained to warn you thus, in view of the direful civil war now raging; political in its origin, it has engrossed the attention of young and old, creating dissension in families, rupturing friendships, and invading the sanctity of our churches; yea, brother against brother is striving for the mastery. Let not the discord pollute the sacred precincts of our courts and altars. The duty of every Mason is indellibly portrayed upon the very threshold of his career: 'In the State you are to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true to your government and just to your country; and you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion.' Our course thus marked out, let us not forget that Masonry conflicts not with any man's religious or political opinions, and that as Masons we are bound together by an indissoluble affection for our common welfare."

The Grand High Priest reported the following decisions as having been made by him during the year; they were referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported in their favor, and they were adopted by the Grand Chapter:

- "1. A ballot being ordered upon the acceptance or rejection of a candidate, it is incumbent upon all members present in good standing to cast a ballot.
- 2. That it is irregular for a Chapter to entertain a motion or application to confer any of the Chapter Degrees upon a candidate with the avowed intention of his becoming a Mason at large of such Degree."
- 3. Having been regularly elected and installed, the Council of a Chapter cannot resign their offices or demit from the Chapter, nor can the subordinate officers, excepting in cases of permanent removal from the jurisdiction."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen State Grand Bodies. There is much in this report that we should like to bring to the notice of our Companions, but our space forbids an extended notice. We can only regret that Comp. Jefferys has announced his intention of retiring from the position which he so ably fills as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. John Sheville was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Wolverton re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters, 12; number of exaltations, 58; number of members, 445.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden in the city of Providence, on Wednesday the 11th day of March, 1863. M. E. Lyman Klapp, Grand High Priest, presiding.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we extract that portion referring particularly to the present organization of Royal Arch Masonry. He says:

"We have during the year visited officially all the subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction but one, and installed their officers. It affords us great pleasure so bear testimony to the care and prudence which has been manifested in the judicious selection of the ablest Companions for the government of the several Chapters; and also to state that entire peace and harmony have, we believe, reigned within the walls of our temples. Less than the average number of exaltations have been reported during the present year; and we fear that the

great majority of those who have taken the degrees have done so mainly that they might be qualified to apply for the orders of Knighthood in our Encampments or Commanderies. This fact suggests a subject in which we have felt a deep interest, and to which we desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter, not doubting that it will receive at your hands that calm and intelligent, but earnest consideration which its importance demands. We refer to the desirableness of a return to the 'old work' and 'landmarks' of Ancient Craft Masonry, by the abolition of the Chapter Degrees, and the restoration to the symbolic Lodges of all that originally belonged to them."

The Grand High Priest then discusses to some extent the utility of some of the degrees in connection with the Royal Arch, and "the desirableness of a restoration" of the Royal Arch to its rightful place in the work of Masonry, and stating "some of the historical facts in relation to the Chapter Degrees." In closing, he remarks:

"We can only express the earnest desire of our heart that nothing may be attempted hastily or unadvisedly; but only after mature reflection, and with the approbation or consent of the great majority of the Fraternity throughout the country."

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest was referred to a Committee, who submitted the following report:

"The principal subject, referring to the degrees conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, is, in the opinion of your Committee, of very great importance. If it should be found by indisputable historical facts that the M. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch Degrees, are of recent origin, and have been manufactured within the period of written Masonic history, we certainly, as candid men, should be ready to set them aside, and no longer impose a fiction upon novitiates which we do not believe ourselves, and continue a practice which must be injurious to symbolic Masonry."

The Committee also reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Grand Chapter to examine and thoroughly investigate the origin and history of the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, as conferred by Chapters in this country, and to report at the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

We fear that our Companions in Rhode Island have undertaken an Herculean task in establishing, by undoubted evidence, the origin of Royal Arch Masonry in this country, or from how many different sources it was received. There is not much doubt that the two bodies working in this State, before the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and who formed the Grand Chapter, received their authority from different sources. It would be rendering a great service to the Masonic historian to have this question settled once for all; but whilst one claims to be of the "Ancients," another of the "Moderns," who, in the absence of any reliable evidence, is to determine it?

When we take into consideration that there has always been a doubt as to the practical utility of multiplying Masonic Degrees, yet Royal Arch Masonry has steadily increased, and will continue to increase just so long as we live up to, and exemplify, in our daily practice, the beautiful lessons inculcated in these degrees, and we regret to have it announced, that in any jurisdiction exaltations are merely preparatory to the reception of the Encampment Degrees. It is not so in this jurisdiction; and I think that the best working officers in every grade of Masonry, and those who take the most interest in the welfare and prosperity of our Order, are those who are active members of our Chapters, and as far as our observation goes, this will prove true in most of the other jurisdictions. We do not think it wise at the present day to weaken our Order by attempting to undermine any of its foundations; let us receive it, as it has been transmitted to us, and endeavor to make it the means of improving those who come under its teachings.

M. E. Nathan H. Gould was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Samuel B. Swan, of Providence, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 5; number exalted the past year, 24; total membership, 530.

#### VERMONT.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Bradford, on the 7th of October, 1863. M. E. Barzellai Davenport, Grand High Priest, presiding. Every Chapter but two were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an interesting document. We quote that portion of it referring to the admission of members, and commend it particularly to the attention of every Royal Arch Mason:

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"We have often been admonished by wise and good men to beware of admitting unworthy members, to guard well the portals of our temple, and admit none who could not trace their genealogy to that noble family who wrought so hard at the building of the first temple; and we all know how much easier it is to keep the door closed against unworthy members, than it is to cut them off when once received within our veils. It is better to cut off a right arm, or put out a right eye, than that the whole body should perish; and yet we hope the brother will reform, and therefore defer the act which separates him from his Companions. Nothing is more difficult in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons than the maintainance of discipline. We know what we ought to do, we know what is our duty to our brother—to remind him of his faults in the most tender manner, and if possible aid his reformation, but it is an unpleasant duty to perform; we had much rather commend a Companion for some good deed he has done than tell him of his faults; and yet perhaps we could render him no greater service, than to remind him of the duty he has omitted to discharge, or of the error he has committed in doing a thing that he ought not to have done. I do not say these things, Companions, because I am less guilty than you. I am conscious of neglect of duty in this matter, and as there might be others who have failed to discharge their duty in like manner, I have seen fit to speak of it."

The business of the session was confined to its own affairs; nothing of general interest to the Order outside of their jurisdiction was transacted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of eleven State Grand Chapters; our own for 1862 included. We find nothing of general interest in this report that has not been noticed in the reports from the several Grand Bodies thus reviewed.

Comp. Gamaliel Washburn, of Montpelier, was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction, 13; number of members reported, 844; exaltations not given.

From an examination of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, which have been received by this Grand Body, we note with pleasure the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry within their several jurisdictions; but it is with sorrow that we have to record that there are other jurisdictions who are cut off from all communication with us; even we fear that their altars have been overthrown and

their "lights extinguished." We truly sympathize with every true brother who has been compelled to yield to the influences by which he was surrounded, and hope and pray that the day is not far distant when "Peace may again reign within their walls; and prosperity within their palaces."

But whilst our country is being convulsed to its very centre, and war, with its unnumbered woes, is carrying desolation into so many once happy homes, our Order is nobly fulfilling its mission; whilst at the same time it is being subjected to the severest tests that it has ever been called upon to pass through; and it should be a source of gratitude to every brother, that it has thus far been so true to its professions. Wherever we turn, North or South, throughout the whole length and breadth of our land, the battle-fields, the prisons, the hospitals, the desolate homes, all bear witness that the vital principles of our Order have not been forgotten.

Most respectfully submitted,

JAMES KIMBALL, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Attest.

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

# OFFICERS

#### OF THE

# Grand Boyal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

### ELECTED SEPTEMBER 18, 1864.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON, .		GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
M. E. CALEB RAND,		DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
M. E. ALBERT E. FOTH,		GRAND KING.
M. E. WANTON T. DREW, .		GRAND SCRIBE.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS, .		GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE, .		GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE, .		GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON,		GRAND MASTER 3D VEIL.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT,		GRAND MASTER 2D VEIL.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS,		GRAND MASTER 1ST VEIL.
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E. THOMAS WATERMAN, .		GRAND SECRETARY.
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E. JOHN McCLELLAN, E. RICHARD BRIGGS, E. WM. F. KNOWLES,		COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
E. PETER C. JONES, .E. WM. PARKMAN, E. RICHARD BRIGGS,	•	TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, E. THOMAS WATERMAN, E. SAMUEL MILLARD,	•	COMMITTEE OF CHARITY.
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E. LUTHER L. TARBELL, .		GRAND SENTINEL.

# PERMANENT MEMBERS

#### OF THE

# Grand Boyal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

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# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	;,		•		1799,	from	April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage,	•						1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf,		•	•			•	1800.
*Simon Eliot, .	•	•					1801, 2.
*Benjamin Russell,		•	•		. 18	303-0	8, and 1816-20.
*Henry Fowle, .		•	•		•	• '	1808–14.
*James C. King, .	•		•	•	•	•	1814, 15.
*Samuel L. Knapp,		•	• ,				1820.
*Paul Dean, .		•	•	. •	•	•	1821, 22
*Augustus Peabody,	•						1823-1826.
*Benjamin Huntoon,	•			•	•		1826–29.
*Robert Lash, .	•		•	•	•		1829-33.
Thomas Tolman,		•	•		•	1833	and 1841-44.
Gardner Ruggles,	•	•		•	•		1834-37.
*John B. Hammatt,	•	•		•	•	•	1837-40.
*Elijah Atherton,	•	•		•	•	•	1840.
*Elias Haskell, .							1844, 45.
*Ruel Baker, .	•						1846, 47.
Gilbert Nurse, .	•	•	•	•			1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr.,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1849.
*Stephen Lovell,	•		•	•	•	•	1850, 51.
Timothy Ingraham,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1852.
E. M. P. Wells,		•	•	•	•	•	1853.
Joseph Bedlow,		•	•	•	•	•	1854.
Samuel K. Hutchins	on,	•	•	•		•	1855.
William R. Aiger,		•	•	•	•	•	1856.
Tracy P. Cheever,	•	•	•				1857.
*Isaac P. Seavy, .	•	•		•	•	•	1858.
Wyzeman Marshall,	•	•	•				1859.
Solon Thornton,	•	•	•	•	•		1860.
Richard Briggs,	•		•	•	•	•	1861.
Albert H. Kirkham,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1862.
John K. Hall, .	•	•	•	•	•	•	1863.

# PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng,						1798.
*James Harrison, .				•		1799.
*William McKean, .				•		1800.
*Charles Jackson, .						1801.
*Benjamin Russell, .						1802.
*Gilman White,						1803, 4.
*David Coffin, Jr., .		•				1805.
*Amos Tappan,						1806.
*Oliver Prescott,						1807, 8.
*William Woart,			. ,		•	1809, 10.
*John Abbot,		•			•	1811, 12.
*Samuel L. Knapp, .			•			1813, 14.
*Henry Fowle,					•	1815.
*James C. King,						1816, 17.
*Joseph Brown,						1818.
*Robert Lash,						1819.
*Caleb Butler,		•				1820-23.
Henry Whipple,		•				1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens,						1824-25.
Richard S. Spofford, .						1826-29.
*Charles Train,						1829-32.
*Edward A. Raymond,						1832, 33.
*William Whiting, .						1834, 35.
Simon W. Robinson, .						1836.
*Elijah Atherton, .						1837-40.
Enoch Hobart,						1840.
*John R. Bradford, .	,			•		1841-44.
Charles W. Moore, .						1844, 45.
Gilbert Nurse,						1846, 47.
William Eaton,						1848.
Lucien B. Keith, .		•.				1849.
Samuel Millard, .				•		1850, 51.
John Flint,				•		1852.
James W. Crooks, .						1853.
Ebenezer W. Tolman,						1854.
Jonathan G. Johnson,			. •			1855.
Wendell Thornton Davis,						1856.

William Parkman,					• .		1857.
William H. L. Smith	1,						1858.
William W. Baker,							1859.
				•			1860.
William S. Shurtleff,	,		•				1861.
Charles C. Dame,							1862.
Henry Chickering,	•	•				•	1863.
P	AST	GRA	AND	SCR	IBES	S.	
*James Harrison,							1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf,	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	•	•	•	•	•	•	1799.
*Charles Jackson,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1800.
*Benjamin Russell,		•	•	•	•	•	1801.
1 /	•	•	•	•	•	•	1802.
,		•		•		•	1803, 4.
*Samuel A. Otis,		•	•	•		•	1805.
*James Dean Hopkins		•	•	•	•.	•	1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1807, 8.
*Thomas Jackson,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1809.
*Sumner Barstow,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1810.
*Henry Purkett,	•	•	•	•	•	•	1811.
*Edward Turner,	•	•	•	•	•	•	181 <b>2.</b>
*Andrew Sigourney,		•	•	•	•		1813, 14
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.	,		•		•		1815.
*Joseph Brown, .	•	•			•		1816, 17.
*Robert Lash, .					•		1818.
*James Morse, .							1819, 20.
*Rosewell Lee, .					•		1821.
*Daniel Baxter, .						•	1822.
*Daniel Lewis Gibber	ıs,	•					1823.
*John James Loring,							1824, 25
*Samuel Clark, .		•				•	1826-29.
Charles Wells, .							1829-33
*William Whiting,							1833.
Simon W. Robinson,							1834, 35
*Elijah Atherton,						•	1836.
Enoch Hobart, .							1837-40.
*John R. Bradford,		•	•				1840.

Robert Keith, .		•		•		•	1841–44.
*Ruel Baker, .	•		•				1844, 45.
*Joel Talbot, .			•				1846, 47.
Lucien B. Keith,		•					1848.
Samuel Millard,							1849.
*Henry Earl, .					•		1850, 51.
Jonas A. Marshall,			•				1852.
*Horace Chenery,						•	1853.
John McClellan,	•			•			1854.
Abraham A. Dame,						•	1855.
John Andrews, .							1856.
Joel Spalding, .				•	•		1857.
James Kimball,			•	•			1858.
Henry Goddard,							1859.
George Sherwin,							1860.
George Talbot, .							1861.
Moses H. Fowler,				•			1862.
John N Pike							1863

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### ABSTRACT FROM THE RETURNS

#### OF THE

# SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

#### UNDER THIS JURISDICTION,

# FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1864,

### WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

### A. L. 5769.

Marlborough William	ns,	•				High Priest.
Lyman B. Meston,			•			King.
George T. Ambrose,						Scribe.
<del></del>			•			Captain of the Host.
Alfred F. Chapman,	•					Principal Sojourner.
James W. Kimball,				•	•	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles W. Romney,	. •					Master of 3d Veil.
J. N. M. Clough,	•			•	•	Master of 2d Veil.
E. B. Vannevar,	•			•		Master of 1st Veil.
John McClellan,						Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman,						Secretary.
John P. Robinson,						Chaplain.
E. W. Hastings,	•					Senior Steward.
Wm. S. Hills, .	•					Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarbell,					•	Tyler.
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Present number of Members, 291. Candidates exalted, 42. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$132. Regular Meetings first Wednesday in each month.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

### A. L. 5790.

John N. Pike, .	•	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
Warren Currier,					•	King.
Wm. H. Johnson,	•		•		•	Scribe.
Tristram Talbot,						Captain of the Host.
John Walton, .					•	Principal Sojourner.
Gamaliel Hodges,	•		•			Royal Arch Captain.
Enoch G. Currier,	•	•	•	•	<i>.</i>	Master of 3d Veil.
Nicholas Johnson,	•				. •	Master of 2d Veil.
S. A. Smith, .						Master of 1st Veil.
Mark Symonds, .						Treasurer.
David J. Adams,	•				٠.	Secretary.
O. S. Butler, .						Chaplain.
Samuel Noyes, .			•			Tyler.
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Present number of Members, 47. Candidates exalted, 3. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15. Regular Meetings Thursday succeeding full moon.

# WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

#### A. L. 5811.

James Kimball, .						High Priest.
John R. Smith, .	•		•			King.
Wm. C. Maxwell,			•			Scribe.
George W. Sargent,			•	•	•	Captain of the Host.
Wm. L. Batchelder,	•		•			Principal Sojourner.
Joseph C. Cheever,	•		•			Royal Arch Captain
Jonathan Davis, .		•		•	•	Master of 3d Veil.
Addison Goodhue,			•	•		Master of 2d Veil.
Daniel H. Jewett,						Master of 1st Veil.
Alva Kendall, Jr.,		•			•	Treasurer.
Wm. Archer, .		•	•			Secretary, pro tem.
Augustus L. Curtin,				•		Senior Steward.
Jeremiah Wallis,						Junior Steward.
Edward Rea, .		•			•	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 87. Candidates exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39. Regular Meetings first Thursday in each month.

# ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

### A. L. 5816.

Wanton T. Drew,		•			•	High Priest.
John B. Baylies,			•		•	King.
Henry Taber, 2d.,						Scribe.
Wm. W. Arnold,				•		Captain of the Host.
Albert H. W. Carper	nter,					Principal Sojourner.
John A. Lee, .					•	Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Fields, Jr.,			•		•	Master of 3d Veil.
George Bliss, .						Master of 2d Veil.
Henry G. Pomeroy,					•	Master of 1st Veil.
Edward Stetson,						Treasurer.
Elisha C. Leonard,						Secretary.
John Fuller, .	•	•				Tyler.
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Present number of Members, 220. Candidates exalted, 37. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$117. Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

# MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

### A. L. 5817.

James H. Call, .		•		•	•	High Priest.
Albert E. Foth, .		•		•		King.
W. E. Granger, .		•			•	Scribe.
Burral Riggs, .						Captain of the Host.
E. W. Clark, .		•			•	Principal Sojourner.
E. H. Sollace, .						Royal Arch Captain.
H. A. Keith, .		•				Master of 3d Veil.
Charles E. Moore,				•	•	Master of 2d Veil.
Charles D. Leet,		•			•	Master of 1st Veil.
T. Warner, Jr., .			•	•	•	Treasurer.
Joseph M. Hall,		•	•			Secretary.
Josiah Marvin, .					•	Chaplain.
Jesse Britton, .		•			•	Senior Steward.
George H. Hamilton	١,	•				Junior Steward.
George D. Rollins,		•	•	•	•	Tyler.
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Present number of Members, 188. Candidates exalted, 36. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$114. Regular meetings first Friday in each month.

# FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

### A. D. 5817.

W. T. Davis, .		•			•	High Priest.
Wm. C. Robinson,		•				King.
Anson Mitchell,	•					Scribe.
David Lyon, .				•	•	Captain of the Host.
E. P. Graves, .	•					Principal Sojourner.
Charles L. Fiske, Ser	n.,					Royal Arch Captain.
Charles Parsons, Jr.,				•	•	Master of 3d Veil.
Felix Chillingsworth,	,		•	•		Master of 2d Veil.
H. B. Stevens, .	. ,			•	•	Master of 1st Veil.
R. Howland, .			•	•	•	Treasurer.
Geo. H. Hovey,			•	•	•	Secretary.
P. Smith,				•	•	Chaplain.
Henry Waitt, .						Senior Steward.
James W. Chapman,			•	•	• .	Junior Steward.
E. J. Rice,	•					Tyler.
Present number of	Mem	bers.	<b>76.</b>	Cand	lidates	exalted, 11. Fees to

Present number of Members, 76. Candidates exalted, 11. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after full moon.

# ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

### A. L. 5818.

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Caleb Rand,	•		•	•	•	•	High Priest.
Henry Endicott,	,		•	•		•	King.
John F. Currier	•,	•	•			•	Scribe.
Z. H. Thomas,	Jr.,			•			Captain of the Host.
Joseph W. Tapl	ey,			•		•	Principal Sojourner.
Geo. W. Applet	ton,	•	•			•	Royal Arch Captain.
Sidney A. Stets	on,					•	Master of 3d Veil.
Charles E. Swir	nerto	n,		•		•	Master of 2d Veil.
Wm. C. Ulman,			•			•	Master of 1st Veil.
Benjamin F. No	ourse	, .	•			•	Treasurer.
Theodore H. Er	mmoi	ns,	•				Secretary.
Niels Jacobs,		•				•	Senior Steward.
Elisha Pote,					•		Junior Steward.
Luther L. Tarb	ell,		•		•	•	Tyler.
Present numb	er of	f Men	nbers,	330.	C	andida	tes exalted, 32. Fees

to Grand Chapter, \$102. Regular Meetings third Tuesday of each month.

# MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

### A. L. 5820.

George Talbot,	•	•	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
Jonathan R. Ga	y,						King.
Bradford Kinsle	ey,			•			Scribe.
James Swan,	•		•	•	•		Captain of the Host.
Hiram Gay,			•			•	Principal Sojourner.
Azel Capen,	•		•		•		Royal Arch Captain.
Benjamin F. Sa	vels,		•	•	•	•	Master of 3d Veil.
L. W. Puffer,	•	•					Master of 2d Veil.
Jarvis Burrell,		•	•				Master of 1st Veil.
Lemuel Gay,	•	•	•	•	•	•	Treasurer.
Ansel Capen,	•	•	•		•	•	Secretary.

Present number of Members, 31. Candidates exalted, 12. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42. Regular Meetings on Friday preceding full moon.

### THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

#### A L. 5821.

C. S. Litch,	•	•					High Priest.
Henry T. Pratt,						. :	King.
George Wheeloo	ck,			•			Scribe.
C. E. Pratt,	•	•		•			Captain of the Host.
J. E. Manning,							Principal Sojourner.
Warren C. Upto	n,					• ,,	Royal Arch Captain.
Francis Sheldon	,						Master of 3d Veil.
W. P. Smith,	•		•		•		Master of 2d Veil.
Albert Tainter,				•			Master of 1st Veil.
Arnold Wilson,	•	•	•	•		•	Treasurer.
C. J. Delahanty,				•	•	•	Secretary.
A. O. Hamilton,		•	•	•	•	•	Chaplain.
Joseph Pierce,	•	•	•		•	•	Tyler.

Present number of Members, 66. Candidates exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or before full moon, each month, July excepted.

# WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

### A. L. 5823.

Henry Goddard,						High Priest.
Daniel W. Knowlton,	,					King.
A. Y. Thompson,						Scribe.
Benjamin Lewis,						Captain of the Host.
Lewis C. Stone, .	•				•	Principal Sojourner.
Joseph B. Lawrence,		•	•	•		Royal Arch Captain.
Wm. S. Goodwin,						Master of 3d Veil.
Frank H. Rice, .			•	•	•	Master of 2d Veil.
John W. Jordan,	•					Master of 1st Veil.
Asa Walker, .		•	. ,		•	Treasurer.
R. M. Gould, .		•	•	•	•	Secretary.
Daniel Seagrave,		•				Tyler.
Present number of	Mem	bers,	<b>93.</b> .	Candi	idates	exalted, 27. Fees to
Grand Chapter \$27	Dag	mlon '	Mooti	n 000 00	hanna	Eriday in each month

Grand Chapter, \$87. Regular Meetings second Friday in each month.

# MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

### A. L. 5824.

Stephen Matthewson,				•	•	High Priest.
Grinfill B. Knights,						King.
Charles T. Eames,					•	Scribe.
George E. Stacy,						Captain of the Host.
Wheaton B. Gibson,						Principal Sojourner.
Henry C. Skinner,						Royal Arch Captain.
Sullivan C. Sumner,	•	•		•		Master of 3d Veil.
Franklin D. Howe,	•	•				Master of 2d Veil.
Charles E. Whitney,						Master of 1st Veil.
Leonard Hunt, .			•	•		Treasurer.
Lewis Fales, .						Secretary.
Leonard Wakefield,						Chaplain.
Alfred H. Hastings,						Senior Steward.
John S. Cox, .		•				Junior Steward.
John M. Wood, .						Tyler.
Present number of	Mom	hore	83	Cond	lidata	s avalted 6 Face to

Present number of Members, 83. Candidates exalted, 6. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24. Regular Meetings on Thursday following full moon.

# NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

### A. L. 5825.

Samuel W. Lee, Jr.,			•		•	High Priest.
Robert R. Mayers,						King.
William D. Axtel,					•	Scribe.
George F. Wright,						Captain of the Host.
Josiah H. Prindle,	•				•	Principal Sojourner.
George S. Clark,					•	Royal Arch Captain.
James Porter, .						Master of 3d Veil.
Joseph Woodard,	•					Master of 2d Veil.
Cyrus I. Emmerson,			•			Master of 1st Veil.
Ansel Wright, .						Treasurer.
Amasa D. Wade,						Secretary.
William T. Clemant,						Chaplain.
E. W. Nichols, .						Senior Steward.
Ansel Wright, Jr.,	•				•	Junior Steward.
Alvin S. Field, .	•				•	Tyler.
Present number of	Men	ibers,	<b>72.</b>	Cano	didate	s exalted, 8. Fees to

Present number of Members, 72. Candidates exalted, 8. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30. Regular Meetings first Wednesday in each month.

# CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

### A. L. 5826.

Jonathan Green	wo	od,			•	High Priest.
Samuel A. Hast	ting	s, .		•		King.
A. S. Lewis,			•			Scribe.
C. R. Train,			•	•		Captain of the Host.
B. Morse, .				•		Principal Sojourner.
D. M. Gerry,						Royal Arch Captain.
F. Cloyes, .						Master of 3d Veil.
Nelson Winch,					•	Master of 2d Veil.
T. Washburn,						Master of 1st Veil.
Adam Hemenw	ay,	2d,				Treasurer.
Chas. J. Frost,		•				Secretary.
A. C. Alsop,						Chaplain.
D. M. Dadmun,						Senior Steward.

Miranda Page, . Junior Steward. T. Washburn, . Tyler.

Present number of Members, 34. Candidates exalted, 14. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48. Regular Meetings first Thursday in each month.

### MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

### A. L. 5826.

Thomas G. Gerrish,						High Priest.
Ruel J. Walker,					•	King.
Hiram N. Hall, .	•	•	•			Scribe.
T. L. P. Lamson,	•				•	Captain of the Host.
Frederick T. North,					•	Principal Sojourner.
James C. Abbott,						Royal Arch Captain.
Albion J. Dudley,					•	Master of 3d Veil.
George J. Carney,						Master of 2d Veil.
Charles Morrill,					•	Master of 1st Veil.
Jonathan P. Folsom,	•				•	Treasurer.
Richard W. Baker,					•	Secretary.
T. Edson			•		•	Chaplain.
Jonathan Rice, .					•	Senior Steward.
Asa D. Clark, .			•	٠.		Junior Steward.
A. S. Saunders, .					•	Tyler.
Present number of	Men	bers,	151.		Candidat	•

to Grand Chapter, \$36. Regular Meetings Monday on or preceding full moon.

# ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

### A. L. 5854.

Samuel L. Fowle,				•	•	High Priest.
Walter Burnham,			•	•		King.
John Tyrer, .	•	•	•	•	•	Scribe.
Elisha J. Cleveland,				•		Captain of the Host.
John Garney, .				•		Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel Haley,	•				•	Royal Arch Captain.
Wm. H. Varney,	•	•		•	•	Master of 3d Veil.
James M. McLarty,	•	•	•		•	Master of 2d Veil.

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Present number of Members, 70. Candidates exalted, 23. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$75. Regular Meetings fourth Monday in each month.

## CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

#### A. L. 5855.

George H. Marden,		•				High Priest.
James E. Burrell,	•					King.
William Goodwin,	•		•	•	•	Scribe.
Charles M. Avery,	•					Captain of the Host.
Charles T. Gay,		•,	•	•,		Principal Sojourner.
Charles F. Haynes,						Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. Woodward,			•	•	•.	Master of 3d Veil.
Alexander Campbell,		•.	•.		•.	Master of 2d Veil.
Henry O. Allen,			••	•.		Master of 1st Veil.
Slade Luther, .						Treasurer.
Charles Caldwell,			•		•	Secretary.
Charles H. Leonard,						Chaplain.
George W. Vose,						Senior Steward.
James Gordon, .						Junior Steward.
Wm. C. Norton,						Tyler.
Present number of	Men	nbers,	123.	Car	ndidat	tes exalted, 19. Fees

Present number of Members, 123. Candidates exalted, 19. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63. Regular Meetings second Wednesday in each month.

## ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

#### A. L. 5856.

Rufus S. Pope, .	•		•	High Priest.
Frederick Hebard,	•.		•.	King.
Hartson Hallet, .		٠.		Scribe.

Joseph K. Baker, Jr.,			•			Captain of the Host.
George J. Miller,			•			Principal Sojourner.
Samuel Snow, .						Royal Arch Captain.
Sylvester Baker, Jr.,		•				Master of 3d Veil.
George Marston,	•					Master of 2d Veil.
Levi L. Simmons,						Master of 1st Veil.
Alexander Baxter,						Treasurer.
Alvan S. Hallett,			•			Secretary.
George S. Alexander	,	•				Chaplain.
J. Winslow Chapman	,					Senior Steward.
Warren H. Bearse,						Junior Steward.
John H. Frost, .						Tyler.
Present number of	Mem	bers,	39.	Cand	didates	s exalted, 5. Fees to
						day on or before full

# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

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## A. L. 5856.

James E. Gale,				•	•		High Priest.		
Daniel Fitz,							King.		
Charles W. Cha	se,						Scribe.		
F. I. Stevens,							Captain of the Host.		
D. B. Tenney,							Principal Sojourner.		
N. R. Johnson,					•		Royal Arch Captain.		
L. C. Wadleigh,							Master of 3d Veil.		
B. F. Leighton,					•		Master of 2d Veil.		
Geo. S. Chase,							Master of 1st Veil.		
J. P. Randall,	•						Treasurer.		
A. Whittier,				•	•		Secretary.		
C. H. Seymour,							Chaplain.		
A. Wheeler,			•		•		Senior Steward.		
I. B. Richardson	١,	•		•		•	Junior Steward.		
A. G. Bradley,		•				•	Tyler.		
Present numb	oer o	f Mer	nbers	, 78.	Car	ndidat	es exalted, 22. Fees		
to Grand Chapter, \$72. Regular Meetings first Friday in each month.									

## BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

#### A. L. 5858.

Henry Chickering,				•	High Priest.
Daniel Upton, .					King.
William Demming,	•				Scribe.
A. N. Allen, .					Captain of the Host.
H. S. Russell, .					Principal Sojourner.
L. Scott,					Royal Arch Captain.
G. A. Murdock,					Master of 3d Veil.
J. C. Parker, .					Master of 2d Veil.
L. H. Gamwell, .					Master of 1st Veil.
I. Carter,					Treasurer.
I. D. Francis, .		•			Secretary.

Present number of Members, 36. Candidates exalted, 19. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63. Regular Meetings first Thursday in each month.

## KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, ENFIELD.

### A. L. 5858.

Daniel B. Gillett,			•		•	High Priest.
John Crosby, .		•		•	•	King.
Stephen Douglas,		•		•		Scribe.
George Robinson,		•			•	Captain of the Host.
John T. Jordan,	•		•		•	Principal Sojourner.
John S. Wilson,		•	•	•		Royal Arch Captain.
Michael H. Gross,					•	Master of 3d Veil.
Samuel H. Phelps,		•			•	Master of 2d Veil.
D. W. Miner, .	•	•	•	•	•	Master of 1st Veil.
W. C. Sheldon, .	•	•	•	•	•	Treasurer.
Francis De Witt,			•		•	Secretary.
Henry Fobes, .	•	•	•	•	•	Chaplain.
David Allen, .	•	•		•	•	Senior Steward.
Thomas Smith, .		•	•	•	•	Junior Steward.
Robert Powers, .	•	•		•		Tyler.

Present number of Members, 24. Candidates exalted, none. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6. Regular Meetings Thursday next following the Tuesday preceding full moon.

## KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

#### A. L. 5860.

Henry S. Clarke,	•		•		•	High Priest.
James E. Carpenter,	•				•	King.
William H. Thomas,						Scribe.
Carmi Richmond,			•		•	Captain of the Host.
Wm. W. Skinner,	•		•			Principal Sojourner.
L. E. Carpenter,	•	•				Royal Arch Captain.
Edwin Richmond,	• .					Master of 3d Veil.
William Graves,	•	•				Master of 2d Veil.
N. B. Wilmarth,		• ,				Master of 1st Veil.
Wm. Carpenter,		•		•		Treasurer.
Eliphalet Smith,						Secretary.
C. A. Bradley, .				•		Chaplain.
Isaac P. Carpenter,	•				•	Senior Steward.
Henry C. Wheaton,						Junior Steward.
A. A. Wilmarth,						Tyler.
. Present number of	Men	abers,	<b>25.</b>	Cand	lidate	s exalted, 3. Fees to

Grand Chapter, \$15. Regular Meetings Wednesday on or after full moon.

## MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

#### A. L. 5860.

John Stowe, .			•	•		High Priest.
Wm. H. Jaquith,		•				King.
Eben Sawyer, .						Scribe.
D. F. Robinson,	•				•	Captain of the Host.
W. H. Fernald, .		•				Principal Sojourner.
John F. Cogswell,						Royal Arch Captain.
B. C. Whitcomb,						Master of 3d Veil.
John Haigh, .					•	Master of 2d Veil.
H. H. Phillips, .				•		Master of 1st Veil.
Rufus Reed, .						Treasurer.
Daniel P. Crocker,						Secretary.
Wm. L. Jenkins,				•		Chaplain.
A. S. Wright, .						Senior Steward.

H. Plummer, . . . . . Junior Steward.

Benjamin Bordman, . . . . . Tyler.

Present number of Members, 42. Candidates exalted, 13. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45. Regular Meetings on the last Wednesday of each month.

## PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

#### A. L. 5862.

Wm. W. Whitmarsh,	•					High Priest.
Samuel B. Thaxter,			•			King.
Abner Holbrook,			•	•		Scribe.
Micah Nash, .						Captain of the Host.
William H. Davis,			•	•	•	Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel T. Hunt,	•	•				Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Hobart, .	•		•	•		Master of 3d Veil.
H. F. Whidden,						Master of 2d Veil.
George C. Pratt,						Master of 1st Veil.
Wm. P. Corthell,				•	•	Treasurer. •
E. M. Nash, .						Secretary.
F. R. Howland,					•	Chaplain.
George W. Reed,				•		Senior Steward.
Charles H. Townsend	l, .					Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French,	•		•		•	Tyler.
Present number of	Mem	bers,	<b>73.</b>	Cand	idates	exalted, 56. Fees to

Present number of Members, 73. Candidates exalted, 56. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$174. Regular Meetings Friday on or after full moon.

## WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

### A. L. 5863.

Freeman Baker,			•			High Priest.
F. J. Foss, .					•	King.
Lyman Dike, .	•	•	•		•	Scribe.
Levi S. Gould, .			•		•	Captain of the Host.
Samuel Tidd, .			•	•		Principal Sojourner.
William K. Spinn	ey,		•		•	Royal Arch Captain.
Albert P. Perkins	s, .		•			Master of 3d Veil.
Charles C. Dike,				•		Master of 2d Veil.
Daniel Norton, Ju	:., .			. •		Master of 1st Veil.

Present number of Members, 89. Candidates exalted, 39. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$123. Regular Meetings second Wednesday of each month.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

#### A. L. 5863.

Benjamin Dean,				•		High Priest.
Edward H. Brainard,					•	King.
D. McBean Thaxter,						Scribe.
Benjamin Pope,	•					Captain of the Host.
Charles H. White,						Principal Sojourner.
Benjamin T. Wells,						Royal Arch Captain.
Frederick G. Walbrid	lge,					Master of 3d Veil.
Hugh McCully, .	•				•	Master of 2d Veil.
John J. Dyer, .		•				Master of 1st Veil.
Horace Smith, .				•		Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio,	•					Secretary.
J. I. T. Coolidge,	•			•	•	Chaplain.
William Neilson,	•					Senior Steward.
William D. Rockwood	d,	•				Junior Steward.
John M. Gilbert,	•					Tyler.
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Present number of Members, 51. Candidates exalted from the date of organization to Aug. 31, 1864, 81. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$255. Regular meetings second Monday in each month.

## HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

#### A. L. 5863.

James B. Shaw, .	•					High Priest.
Elisha W. Shales,	•	•	•	•		King.
Daniel D. Moody,						Scribe.
Sylvanus G. Shaw,						Captain of the Host.
Edward C. Robinson,				•	•	Principal Sojourner.

Edward F. Morris,	•		•	•		Royal Arch Captain.
Rice M. Reynolds,						Master of 3d Veil.
Frederick J. Wassum	١,		•	•	•	Master of 2d Veil.
John Thayer, .		•		•		Master of 1st Veil.
Nelson F. Rogers,						Treasurer.
Wm. W. Cross, .						Secretary.
John E. Cram, .		•				Chaplain.
Calvin W. Hastings,		•			•	Senior Steward.
Charles Gates, .		•			•	Junior Steward.
Daniel B. Hannum,				•		Tyler.
Present number of	Mem	bers,	31.	Cand	idates	exalted, 16. Fees to

Grand Chapter, \$53. Regular Meetings Wednesday succeeding full moon.

## MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

#### A. L. 5863.

Daniel W. Lawrence.						High Priest.			
•		•	•	•	•	0			
Nehemiah T. Merritt	,	•	•	•	•	King.			
Henry H. Gilman,	•	•			•	Scribe.			
Samuel C. Lawrence,	•	•	•		•	Captain of the Host.			
Joseph Darby, .		•	•	•	•	Principal Sojourner.			
George Curtis, .	•	•	•	•	•	Royal Arch Captain.			
Charles E. Joyce,	•		•	•	•	Master of 3d Veil.			
James H. Archibald,	•	•			•	Master of 2d Veil.			
Daniel A. Gleason,	•	•	•		•	Master of 1st Veil.			
Luther Farwell,	•	•	•	•	•	Treasurer.			
Parker R. Litchfield,	•	•	•		•	Secretary.			
Eliab W. Badger,	•			•	•	Tyler.			
Present number of	Mem	bers,	<b>45.</b>	Cand	idates	exalted, 12. Regular			
Meetings Thursday full moon.									

## SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

## A. L. 5863.

Alonzo C. Blethen,				High Priest.
John G. Dudley,				King.
Benjamin H. Atkins,		•		Scribe.
Charles W. Wilson.				Captain of the Host.

James F. Hartshorn,	Jr.,	•				Principal Sojourner.
James A. Austin,						Royal Arch Captain.
Joshua C. Eldred,			•			Master of 3d Veil.
Ezekiel F. Estes,						Master of 2d Veil.
John G. Myer, .			•		•	Master of 1st Veil.
Josiah Brown, .	•		•		•	Treasurer.
Henry C. Oliver,		•				Secretary.
Wm. B. Phillips,			•	•		Senior Steward.
John H. Bean, .						Junior Steward.
George T. Estes,						Tyler.
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Present number of Members, 29. Candidates exalted, 27. Fees to Grand Chapter, \$80. Regular Meetings second Thursday in each month.

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# THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ORGANIZED CHAPTERS WORKING UNDER DISPRINGATION.

## FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

#### A. L. 5864.

Robert C. Brown,		•		High Priest.
C. A. Holmes, .			•	King.
Joshua Remington,		•		Scribe.

## CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

## A. L. 5864.

Henry Endicott,	•	•	•		High Priest.
Wm. F. Knowles,	•	•	•	•	King.
Joseph G. Holt.					Scribe.

## WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

#### A. L. 5864.

Hiram M. Britton,	•	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
Charles A. Welch,					•	King.
Wm. B. Bothamly,			•			Scribe.

## ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

#### A. L. 5864.

John H. Eddy,	•		•	•	•	•	High Priest.
William Cox,	•		•		•	•	King.
William H. Bro	wn,	•	•	•	•	•	Scribe.

## RECAPITULATION.

Chapter.		,						Exalted.	No. Members.
St. Andrew's,								42	291
King Cyrus, .								3	47
WASHINGTON, .	•							11	87
Adoniram, .								37	220
MORNING STAR,								36	158
Franklin, .								11	76
St. Paul's, .								32	330
MOUNT ZION, .							•	31	12 .
THOMAS,								. 6	66
Worcester, .							•	27	93
Mt. Lebanon, .			•				•	6	83
Northampton,					•		•	8	72
Concord, .	• ,							14	34
Мт. Нокев, .	•							10	151
St. John's, .	•				•		•	23	70
Shekinah, .		•	•		•		•	19	123
ORIENT,		•					•	5	39
Pentucket, .	•	•					•	22	72
Berkshire, .							•	19	36
King Solomon's,		•	•				•.	0	24
KEYSTONE, .						•	•	3	25
MOUNT SINAI, .	•					•	•	13	42
Pilgrim,			•	•	•		•	56	73
WAVERLY, .						•	•	39	89
St. Matthew's,						•		81	51
Hampden, .	•	•	•	•		•		16	31
Mystic,		•	•	•		•	•	12	45
Sutton	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	27	29
Total, 1864,								609	2469
" 1863,	•.	•	•	•	•	•	•	300	2035
Increase, .								309	434





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## PROCEEDINGS

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## GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## STATED COMMUNICATION,

MARCH 7, 1865.

A STATED Communication of the Grand ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

#### Officers Present.

Grand High Driege

M. E. SOLON I HORNTON		•	•	•	•	•	•	Grand righ Priest.
M. E. ALBERT E. FOTH								Grand King.
M. E. WANTON T. DREV	V							Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMON	18							Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Frederic A. Pierce								Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Lyman B. Meston								Grand Master third Veil.
E. Edward Stearns .								Grand Master second Veil p. t
E. Marlborough Willi	(A)	(S						Grand Master first Veil.
E. WILLIAM F. DAVIS								Grand Treasurer p. t.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN								Grand Secretary.
E. John W. Dadmun ?								a 100 11
E. John W. Dadmun & E. John P. Robinson &	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	Grand Chaplains.
E. Alfred F. Chapman								Grand Lecturer.

#### Permanent Members.

E. W. TOLMAN.	William Parkman.	George Sherwin.
A. A. DAME.	Wyzeman Marshall.	JOHN N. PIKE.
JOHN McClellan.	CHARLES C. DAME.	JAMES KIMBALL.
HENRY CHICKBRING.	RICHARD BRIGGS.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The Records of the last meeting read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.:—

St. Andrew's.

King Cyrus.

Washington.

Adoniram.

Morning Star.

St. Paul's.

Thomas.

Mount Horeb.

Sutton.

Waltham.

Waltham.

The following communication, from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, was presented and read:—

· To the M. E. Grand High Priest and all other Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

BE IT KNOWN, that on the evening of the thirteenth day of December, A.L. 5864, the following named candidates, M. E. Companions F. J. Foss of Waverly Chapter, Melrose; Robert C. Brown of Fall River Chapter, Fall River; Daniel W. Lawrence of Mystic Chapter, Medford; James E. Carpenter of Keystone Chapter, Foxborough; William H. Jaquith of Mount Sinai Chapter, Lawrence; Benjamin Dew of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; E. H. Brainard of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; Daniel Fittz of Pawtucket Chapter, Haverhill; Samuel B. Thaxter of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; George H. Marden of Shekinah Chapter, Chelsea; A. C. Blethen of Sutton Chapter, Lynn; Samuel L. Fowle of St. John's Chapter, East Boston; and A. E. Foth of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield, were duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

BOSTON, Dec. 13, A.L. 5864.

A petition, signed by Samuel Little, C. J. Danforth, George Frost, John Franklin Newton, William Bird May, George Elijah Hersey, Joseph Houghton Chadwick, John William Lord, John William Dadmun, Charles Augustus Jones, Henry Stillman Lawrence, Ebenezer Adams, Franklin Smith Merritt, and Joshua Holton Putnam, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the City of Roxbury, to be called "Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter," was presented and referred to M. E. Companions Wyzeman Marshall, Henry Chickering, and Charles C. Dame. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Little and thirteen other Royal Arch Masons, asking leave to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in the City of Roxbury, to be called Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to the subject of said petition, and recommend that the prayer of said petitioners be granted when the constitutional consent of the proper Chapter shall have been obtained.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL. HENRY CHICKERING. CHARLES C. DAME.

Boston, March 7, 1865.

The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter was submitted by Companion Theodore H. Emmons: In Art. XVIII., strike out, in 10th and 11th lines, the words "to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction." In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution this proposition lays over until the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, in a few appropriate remarks, announced the decease of our M. E. Companion John R. Bradford,—a permanent member of this Grand Chapter,—and moved that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions relative to this event. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed M. E. Companions A. A. Dame, W. Marshall, and J. W. Dadmun to serve on the Committee aforesaid.

By invitation of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, then in

session, the Grand Chapter visited that body and witnessed a specimen of their work on the Past and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees.

On returning to their hall, on motion of M. E. Charles C. Dame, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter for the elegant and correct exhibition of their work on the above occasion.

Closed in Ample Form.

## STATED COMMUNICATION,

June 13, 1865.

A STATED Communication of the Grand ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th of June, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

## Officers Present.

M. E. CALEB RAND Deputy Grand High Priest.  E. ALBERT E. FOTH	М.	E. Solon Thornton.	•		•	•	•	•	Grand High Priest.
E. Wanton T. Drew	M.	E. CALEB RAND							Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	E.	ALBERT E. FOTH							Grand King.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE Grand Principal Sojourner. E. FREDERIC A. PIERCE Grand Royal Arch Captain. E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS Grand Master first Veil. E. PETER C. JONES Grand Treasurer. E. THOMAS WATERMAN Grand Secretary. E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN Grand Lecturer. E. JOHN P. ROBINSON E. RUFUS S. POPE Grand Chaplains.	$\mathbf{E}$ .	WANTON T. DREW							Grand Scribe.
E. FREDERIC A. PIERCE Grand Royal Arch Captain. E. Marlborough Williams Grand Master first Veil. E. Peter C. Jones Grand Treasurer. E. Thomas Waterman Grand Secretary. E. Alfred F. Chapman Grand Lecturer. E. John P. Robinson E. Rufus S. Pope Grand Chaplains.	E.	THEODORE H. EMMONS							Grand Captain of the Host.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS Grand Master first Veil.  E. PETER C. JONES Grand Treasurer.  E. THOMAS WATERMAN Grand Secretary.  E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN Grand Lecturer.  E. JOHN P. ROBINSON  E. RUFUS S. POPE Grand Chaplains.	E.	GEORGE T. AMBROSE							Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. PETER C. JONES	E.	FREDERIC A. PIERCE							Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN Grand Secretary. E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN Grand Lecturer. E. JOHN P. ROBINSON E. RUFUS S. POPE	$\mathbf{E}$ .	MARLBOROUGH WILLIAM	ß						Grand Master first Veil.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN Grand Lecturer. E. JOHN P. ROBINSON E. RUFUS S. POPE Grand Chaplains.	E.	Peter C. Jones							Grand Treasurer.
E. JOHN P. ROBINSON E. RUFUS S. POPE Grand Chaplains.	E.	THOMAS WATERMAN .							Grand Secretary.
E. RUFUS S. POPE Grand Chaplains.	E.	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.							Grand Lecturer.
	E.	Rufus S. Pope .		•		•			Grand Chaplains.

#### Permanent Members.

JOHN McClellan.	CHARLES C. DAME.	W. MARSHALL.
E. W. TOLMAN.	A. A. Dame.	William Parkman.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Communication read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's. NORTHAMPTON. KING CYRUS. CONCORD. SUTTON. WASHINGTON. St. John's. CAMBRIDGE. ADONIRAM. ORIENT. MORNING STAR. BERKSHIRE. ST. MARK'S. ST. PAUL'S. WAVERLY. MOUNT VERNON. MOUNT LEBANON. ST. MATTHEW'S.

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted:—

IN GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, June 13, 1865.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter to report resolutions for its adoption on the lamented death of Excellent Companion John R. Bradford, submit the following:—

Companion Bradford was born in Boston on the nineteenth day of September, 1790, and he died on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1865. He received his education at the public schools of his native city; and, during his minority, was employed in a grocery store, and subsequently carried on the same business until the year 1827, when he was appointed by the city government one of the public weighers and was annually re-elected until his death, — a period of thirty-eight successive years. This fact alone affords the best evidence of his honesty, of his faithfulness to duty, and of the integrity of his character as a business man.

He received the first three degrees in Freemasonry in Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, in the month of March, 1813, and was admitted a member in July following. In 1820 he was elected Junior Warden, and in the following year he filled the office of Senior Warden. In 1826 he withdrew his membership, and was admitted a member of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1836, and was almost constantly thereafter in office in said Lodge and engaged in active duties therein. At two different periods he was elected Master of said Lodge, the duties of which he discharged with honor and credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his

brethren of the Lodge; and, at the time of his death, was its Treasurer.

He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Andrew's Chapter, in this city, in 1815, and was admitted to membership the following year. He at once acquired an accurate knowledge of the ritual and work of the degrees; and, filling most of its subordinate offices, in 1823 was elected its High Priest, which office he held three years, discharging the duties with sin-In 1832 he was again elected to the same office, gular ability. and served another term of three years. He was one of the original members of the Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters, which was organized in 1817, and presided in that body from 1829 to 1839, — a period of ten years. In 1835 he received the Orders of Knighthood, in the Boston Encampment, and was soon after admitted a member. Having filled most of its inferior offices, he was finally elected its M. E. Grand Commander, which office he held the usual term. In 1848 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and presided over that body two years. In 1845 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which office he served three years.

He was for many years an active and most efficient member of this Grand Chapter, and was elected Grand Scribe in 1840, and served as Grand King the three following years. He always felt a deep interest in preserving the ritual and work of the degrees conferred in the Chapter in their original purity, as taught by those who founded them, and he had serious apprehensions that some of the ancient landmarks were in danger of being neglected and forgotten. He was equalled by few and excelled by none in the knowledge of the ritual and work of the degrees and orders of Freemasonry, from that of Entered Apprentice to that of Knight Templar inclusive, and he was at all times and on all occasions ready and willing to impart to others the knowledge of which he was himself possessed. Few men could have been more missed in our masonic assemblies than he has been and will continue to be; therefore, -

Resolved, That in the death of our late Companion, JOHN R. BRADFORD, we mourn the loss of a true-hearted brother, of a loving and loved com-

panion, of a faithful, able, and exemplary officer, of a steadfast friend, and of an honest man; that though darkness and silence enshroud his mortal remains, yet we rejoice in the assurance that light and gladness are his eternal portion, and that, like his brethren of old, he has but made the exodus from the bondage of earth to the promised land of heaven; that though we would not recall him to the trials and vicissitudes of earthly life, yet for long years to come we shall sadly miss his genial smiles, his hearty grasp, and his cheerful salutation at our assemblages, and his earnest and kindly good night at our separations.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the afflicted family of our deceased Companion, and that we tender them the assurance of our sincere participation in their sorrow.

A. A. DAME.
J. W. DADMUN.
WYZEMAN MARSHALL.

A petition was presented, signed by B. S. Bucklin, N. W. Quint, Henry Wheeler, William Grover, Porter Underwood, C. H. Lyman, C. L. Brink, A. E. Marsh, L. Pinkham, R. B. Johnson, T. H. Wellington, T. C. Page, John A. Day, and Charles Cochrane, praying for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Holyoke, by the name of "Mount Holyoke Chapter." This petition was referred to M. E. Companions A. E. Foth, Charles C. Dame, and C. A. Welch. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was unanimously accepted:—

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, June 13, 1865.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of B. S. Bucklin and others for a Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Holyoke, respectfully report that they recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A. E. FOTH.
CHARLES C. DAME.
CHARLES A. WELCH.

Voted, That the first four officers be delegated to represent this Grand Chapter at the Convocation of th 'General

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in September next.

The proposition submitted at the last stated meeting by Companion Theodore H. Emmons, to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, was taken up and adopted, as follows, viz.: strike out of Art. XVIII., the 10th and 11th lines, the words, "to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction."

By invitation of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, then in session, the Grand Chapter repaired to their Hall and witnessed a specimen of their work on the Royal Arch Degree, which was highly creditable to that ancient Chapter. The Grand Chapter then withdrew, and closed in Ample Form.

### ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

SEPT. 12, 1865.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 12th September, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

Present: M. E. Solon Thornton, Grand High Priest, with several other officers and permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was opened without ceremony.

Several officers of this Grand Chapter being necessarily absent in attending the meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, and there being no business requiring immediate action, the Grand Chapter was adjourned to Tuesday the tenth day of October next, then to meet at 7 o'clock P.M., for the choice of officers.

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Ост. 10, 1865.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held by adjournment at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening 10th October, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON Grand High Priest.
M. M. Dobon Thomaton
M. E. CALEB RAND Deputy Grand High Pries
E. Albert E. Foth Grand King.
E. Wanton T. Drew Grand Scribe.
E. Theodore H. Emmons Grand Captain of the Hos
E. George T. Ambrose Grand Principal Sojourne
E. Frederic A. Pierce Grand Royal Arch Captain
E. LYMAN B. MESTON Grand Master third Veil.
E. Henry Endicott Grand Master second Veil
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS Grand Master first Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN Grand Secretary.
E. Rufus S. Pope
E. JOHN W. DADMUN Grand Chaplains.
E. John P. Robinson J
E. Alfred F. Chapman Grand Lecturer.
Permanent Members.
E. M. P. Wells.   John McClellan.   Richard Briggs.
WILLIAM PARKMAN. WILLIAM W. BAKER. A. A. DAME.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The record of the last Communication was read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

E. W. TOLMAN.

CHARLES C. DAME.

St. Andrew's.	Concord.	MYSTIC.
King Cyrus.	MOUNT HOREB.	SUTTON.
Washington.	St. John's.	FALL RIVER.
Adoniram.	SHEKINAH.	CAMBRIDGE.
MORNING STAR.	ORIENT.	WALTHAM.
St. Paul's.	Berkshire.	St. Mark's.
MOUNT ZION.	King Solomon's.	MOUNT VERNON.
Worcester.	KEYSTONE.	MOUNT HOLYOKE.
NORTHAMPTON.	WAVERLY.	1

W. MARSHALL.

M. E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending Aug. 31, 1865, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Com-														
mittee find correct, that there was a balance of cash in														
his hands at the commencement of the year, of \$558.97														
He has received dues from twenty-seven Chapters 1,801.00														
For Dispensations for five Chapters	450.00													
Interest on Investments	894.50													
Premium on Gold	42.12													
		\$3,246.59												
His Disbursements have been as follows:—														
For Regalia	\$529.00													
Diplomas	· · ·													
Printing	200.00													
Charters for New Chapters														
Secretary's, Tyler's, and Organist's fees														
Rent of Hall and Gas														
Charity														
Banquet	162.00													
Expense of Grand Officers for constituting new Chap-														
ters, visiting Chapters, &c	779.71													
Sundry Bills														
One share National Bank of North America	100.00													
One share Howard National Bank	100.00	\$2,994.84												
Balance on hand		<b>\$2</b> 51.75												
The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of	· ·													
One City of Boston 5 per cent Bond		\$1,000,00												
Five shares Howard National Bank		500.00												
Two shares North National Bank		200.00												
Seven shares Eliot National Bank		700.00												
Five shares Boston National Bank		500.00												
m		200.00												
Five shares Merchants' National Bank		500.00												
Three shares National Bank of North America		300.00												
Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer		251.75												
Total		<b>\$4</b> ,151.75												

The Committee recommend the payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLELLAN.
RICHARD BRIGGS.
WILLIAM F. KNOWLES.

Voted, To proceed to the election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

M. E. Companions McClellan, Foth, Baker, Williams, and Pierce were appointed a Committee to collect, assort, and count the votes, when the following officers were duly elected:—

M. E. Solon Thornton, Past Grand High Priest, then proceeded to install M. E. RICHARD BRIGGS as GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS for the year ensuing. The other officers above named were duly installed, and the following appointments announced, viz.:—

THEODORE H. EMMONS . Grand Captain of the Host. GEORGE T. AMBROSE . . . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner. Louis A. Felix . . . . . . . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain. CHARLES AVERY . . . . . . . Grand Master third Veil. Benjamin Lewis . . . . Grand Master second Veil. J. K. BAKER . . . . . . . . Grand Master first Veil. RUFUS S. POPE . . Grand Chaplains. John P. Robinson WILLIAM S. STUDLEY EBEN F. GAY . . . Senior Grand Steward. CHARLES G. JACKMAN. . Junior Grand Steward. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN . . . Grand Lecturer. John McClellan ) . . . Committee of Finance. Solon Thornton HENRY ENDICOTT

WILLIAM PARKMAN	)					
SAMUEL MILLARD	}					Committee of Charity.
THOMAS WATERMAN	,					
PETER C. JONES						
WILLIAM PARKMAN }						Trustees of the Funds.
RICHARD BRIGGS						
EBEN F. GAY						Grand Tyler.

The officers appointed as above were duly installed and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

On motion of M. E. A. A. Dame, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to M. E. SOLON THORNTON for the able and acceptable manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties of Grand High Priest during the past three years.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest:

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, in presenting their Annual Report, regret that the Reports from the several jurisdictions presented to them for examination are so very limited in number. We present herewith all that have been received by us, viz.:—

Canada				for	1864.	Maryland and Dist. of Col., for 1864
California				,,	,,	Missouri ,, ,,
Iowa .				,,	,,	New York ,, ,,
Illinois				,,	,,	New Jersey , ,,
Kentucky				,,	,,	New Hampshire ,, ,,
Ohio .						Vermont ,, ,,

#### CANADA.

The seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was holden in the city of Quebec on the second Tuesday of August, 1864. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., presiding.

From the Report of the Grand High Priest and Superintendents of the several districts, we learn that Royal Arch Masonry in the Canadas is in a healthy and flourishing condition. There appears to be a more earnest desire manifested by the Chapters under the Registry of England, Scotland, and Ireland, to fraternize with the companions under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, of Montreal, under the Registry of England, appears to lead the way. The Superintendent of the Montreal district reports that a considerable number of the members of St. Paul's Chapter have taken the intermediate degrees of M. P. and M. E. in the Carnavon Chapter, and he calls the attention of the Grand Chapter of Canada to the necessity of providing them with proper certifi-

cates, in order to enable them to visit Mark Lodges in England, and the Royal Arch Chapters in the United States.

Victoria Royal Arch Chapter at Montreal has surrendered its English warrant, and has affiliated with the Grand Chapter of Canada, under the name of Mount Horeb, of Montreal.

Grand Superintendent Seymour, of the Hamilton district, reports, that the healthy vigor pervading Capitular Masonry in this district may lead to the establishment of one or more additional Chapters during the coming year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very interesting Report, reviewing the proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters, our own included. In alluding to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, the Committee say:—

"In a few instances, however, war's devastating influence has operated disastrously to the successful working of Chapters in disturbed States; but on the whole, evidence is not wanting that our United States companions are alive to their duty in this respect, and will, in due time, by closely adhering to the exalted teachings of our Order, overcome their hindrances, which are but trials of their fidelity, to move them up to greater fervency and zeal."

We notice from their Report, in relation to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, that they reported as under their jurisdiction on the 31st of March, 1864, one hundred Chapters on the roll; of these twenty-nine are dormant, and six in arrears. Six new Chapters have been opened, three dormant ones revived, and a Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed for Victoria, New South Wales.

The Committee, in concluding their Report, say that "they beg to express their high sense of the valuable compilations prepared by the several Committees of sister Grand Chapters, the perusal of which has afforded them much valuable information that they could not otherwise have obtained. Always well digested and entertaining, and, with but rare exceptions, written in a truly Masonic spirit, there is no portion of the proceedings that they rise from reading with more genuine satisfaction than the Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z.; and E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters							23
4		Members							867

#### CALIFORNIA.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of California, assembled at the Masonic Temple in San Francisco, on the 4th of October, A.I. 2394, A.D. 1864, holding a session of four days. M. E. Ezra H. Van Decar, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge were most of them present, and the representatives of twenty-nine Chapters, leaving but five in the jurisdiction unrepresented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented his annual address, from which we extract his introductory remarks:—

"Once again, by the permission of the Grand High Priest of the universe, are we permitted to assemble around our sacred altars, to interchange our fraternal greetings, and to consider and do such acts of legislation as will best tend to promote the sublime principles of our time-honored institution. Let us first return to Him who doeth all things well, our grateful and heartfelt thanks for the many and bountiful blessings bestowed upon us; that the hand of death has been signally withheld from us; that discord, violence, and war have found no place upon our tranquil shores; and that peace and harmony prevail in our jurisdiction. These constantly recurring periods, which the rules of representative bodies assign to themselves, and at which they meet in convention to exercise those powers confided to them, are fraught with a responsibility that is not always appreciated by the actors. Not that they are unmindful of the duty they owe to those who clothed them with delegated authority, but that in the exercise of their privileges they too often forget that the laws and landmarks which have been the result of the wisdom of centuries are immutable, and that the progressive character of the present age is not always conducive to the welfare of the human race. History will devote to the present period an important page. In many things its dark actions will be told by the same pen that records the deeds of its heroes; and that our Order will not be conspicuous therein is in consequence of its most venerable characteristics being remembered; for by adhering to that conservatism which should always be observed by its votaries, and which has preserved it through decades of centuries and convulsions of kingdoms, we are permitted to assemble and kneel around our sacred altar, and invoke the blessing of the great I AM."

The M. E. Grand High Priest also reported that during the recess of the Grand Chapter, he had granted Dispensations for a Chapter at Los Angeles, named Los Angeles Chapter, and one at the town of La Porte, to be named Alturas Chapter. These

Dispensations were confirmed by the Grand Chapter, and charters granted.

The Grand High Priest congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the uniformity of the work throughout the jurisdiction, and the healthy and prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State.

From the Report of the Treasurer we learn that the amount paid for mileage and per diem of officers and representatives amounts to \$1,115.50. Salaries, \$1,024.

The resources of the Grand Chapter are derived from the several Chapters by an apportionment for the general and representative fund. The total amount due from the several Chapters was \$3,057.

The business of the Convocation was local in its character—but little that would be of interest outside of their jurisdiction.

The Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an interesting and able document, reviewing very fully the proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. As most of these reports were noticed by us in our last Report, our space will not allow an extended notice, but we cannot forbear to notice the remarks of the Committee on the Grand Chapter of Illinois granting a dispensation for a military Chapter at Columbus, Kentucky. The Committee say:—

"While we may be willing to acknowledge that military Lodges may, in some instances, prove beneficial, we are not ready to concede that military Chapters can be of the least utility. If a Royal Arch Mason needs Masonic aid, no Master Mason will refuse it; and he will find twenty such before he will meet one who is in possession of the Chapter degrees. All the good that can possibly result from military Masonic organizations, can be effected by military Lodges; and if they were established with the sole object of enabling their members to perform their Masonic duties in a systematic manner, and were not permitted to confer degrees, the general good of Masonry would, in our opinion, be advanced, without the danger to its reputation which must necessarily arise from the want of knowledge of those who apply for admission to such degrees, and of opportunity to investigate their fitness."

Again he says: -

"The issue of this dispensation was also in direct violation of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and that of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, inasmuch as it was granted for an indefinite length of time. We have alluded to this matter because, in times like these particularly, we dislike to see any act committed which has a tendency to weaken the fraternal bond by which we are all bound; and with this one our Companions of Kentucky have certainly great reason to find fault. We notice that the Committee to whom this subject was referred, while they recommended that the action of the Grand High Priest should be approved, doubted its expediency; and that the Committee on Chapters U.D. refused to recommend the issue of a like dispensation for a similar purpose."

We cordially agree with the views expressed by Comp. Owens on this subject. We fear that the imperfect knowledge obtained of the character and previous views of applicants for the Masonic degrees in military Lodges, may be the means of introducing disorder and confusion amongst the craftsmen. But as the unholy contest which has called these organizations into being is virtually ended, we trust that this doubtful and unmasonic expedient of seeking to advance and increase our Order by army Lodges, may be revoked, and that no Grand Chapter will hereafter permit a dispensation to be granted with authority to work the Chapter degrees.

The M. E. Isaac Davis, of Sacramento, was elected as Grand High Priest, and E. Lawrence C. Owens, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number	r of	Chapters .							34
,,		Exaltations							
		Members						. 1	.211

#### IOWA.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation in the city of Des Moines, on the 4th and 6th of June, 1864. M. E. W. E. Woodward, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The address of the Grand High priest was confined to a report of the business of his office for the past year, and was local in its

He reports the death of M. E. Companions Kimball Porter and George W. Teas, Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. They were both of them true and devoted Masons.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by M. E. Companion W. B. Langridge, is a very interesting document, reviewing very fully and in a true Masonic spirit the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, our own included. Alluding to the desire evinced of altering the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry for the sake of uniformity, he remarks: In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter some interest appears to be arising on the subject of the Ritual, and some worthy companions seem to be grievously exercised for fear their work, or somebody else's work, will be, or will not be, the fashion in the jurisdiction in which their light may happen to shine.

They seem to forget that any one besides themselves may be right, or as near right as they are; but, like the Ephesians on a certain occasion, who when they feared that something to them new, even though older than their own recollections, might be learned and lived by, raised a tumult, and deafened all ears with their clamors in praise of the object of their own preference. Perhaps it would be wise for these uneasy companions to remember the town clerk's advice to those same noisy citizens of his, that they "ought to be quiet, and do nothing rashly."

The usual Reports were made, and the Grand Officers elected and installed.

M. E. L. S. Swafford, of Iowa City, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. W. B. Langridge, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters										28
Returns from 20 Cha	pte	rs	-1	đe:	nab	ers				580
Evaltations	-									59

#### ILLINOIS.

The M. E. Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois held its Annual Convocation at the city of Springfield, on Friday, the seventh day of October, A.I. 2394, A.D. 1864. M. E. Hiram W. Hubbard, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Forty-one out of seventy-two Chapters were represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, presenting to the Grand Chapter an account of his doings for the past year. We quote his introductory remarks:—

"By the blessing of the Supreme High Priest of the Universe, we are again, permitted to assemble in Grand Annual Convocation, to review the

past and plan for the future. While the clash of arms and the boom of cannon is still raging without, we are permitted to kneel around our sacred altar, and offer up our prayers and thanksgivings for the blessings vouch-safed to us, and have not forgotten the widow and orphan, nor a brother's welfare.

"Some of those who were wont to meet with us now rest in the quiet church-yard at home, while others have fallen on the battle-field, far away from those dear ones who would gladly have soothed their sufferings and dropped the green sprig at the head of their grave."

The M. E. Grand High Priest reports on his visit to Ashboth Military Chapter, U. D. (issued by the Grand Chapter of Illinois), at Columbus, Ky.; and although he "went there strongly prejudiced against military Lodges or Chapters," he says that he was forced to the conclusion that the interest and prosperity of the royal craft could be promoted in the armies of our country as well as in our quiet retreats at home. He says:—

"Most of their members are officers in the army and navy, some high in rank; and where, I ask, could they better spend their leisure hours (surrounded as they are with the vices and allurements which a soldier's life is heir to), than in the sacred retreat where there is not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron? Their hands are ever open; to them no worthy brother need apply in vain; they have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and bound up the wounds of the afflicted; they have performed the last sad office of laying in the grave the remains of some of those dear ones who were bravely fighting for our glorious stars and stripes, and the sprig of acacia marks their last resting-place."

In our review of the proceedings of California, we noticed and quoted from the remarks of the Committee in relation to military Chapters, and this one in particular, not having at that time received the Proceedings from Illinois. But after carefully considering the whole question our views remain unchanged.

The same arguments might be used in favor of granting dispensations for Encampments and Councils; but as all the duties of relief and sympathy performed by the higher degrees can be performed by a Master Mason's Lodge,—the less including the greater,—we still think the practice an unsafe one, and contrary to the spirit of our Institution. We may be too conservative in our opinions, and if they were to be tried, as our M. E. Companions were, we might find ourselves yielding to the force of circumstances. But as the clouds seem to be lifting from our

country's future, the occasion which has seemed to call these irresponsible bodies into being will, I trust, soon end, never to call us again to test our patriotism by the adoption of precedents which may prove injurious to the best interests of the fraternity.

During the past year dispensations were granted for nine Chapters; and we may be permitted to congratulate our sister Grand Chapter, that amidst all of her trials in the hour of our country's peril, her "fervency and zeal" is so truly exemplified by the increasing prosperity of our Order in this noble State.

The business of the Session was confined to its local affairs; nothing transacted that would be of general interest to other jurisdictions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the Proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters, our own included. Most of these Reports were on our files of last year, and we find nothing new to notice.

We notice amongst their standing Resolutions the following: -

"Resolved, That the suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Master's Lodge, shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from a Chapter within this State, during the continuance of such sentence.

Resolved, "That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons."

M. E. Wiley M. Egan of Chicago was elected Grand High Priest, and E. H. G. Reynolds was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters				٠.				72
48 Chapters report - 1	<b>1e</b>	mb	ers					2,240
Ev	alí	tati	nne					481

#### KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky was holden in the city of Louisville on the 17th of October, A.D. 1864. M. E. S. D. McCullough, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Forty Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address; and in alluding to the misery and woe brought upon his own State, says:—

"The destroyer, which has 'turned the world upside down, has come hither also,' and has left many a broken heart, many a desolate hearth-stone, and many a bloody stain. The worst passions of men have run riot through the land, owing to the dishonorng word *Rebellion*: treachery to God, to country, and to friends, are the usual and dreadful followers in its wretched train.

"In the midst of this havoc and horrid desolation, our God, whom we profess to worship, has mercifully spared our lives. May his 'goodness lead us to repentance.'"

He also calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to an organization called "Conservators," which, we are sorry to learn, is trying to undermine and destroy the prosperity of our Order. This is a secret and despotic organization, and has already attempted to work out its infernal plans in some of our Western jurisdictions. We trust that the true Masonic spirit may be awakened, and that these conspirators against the peace and harmony of our institution may receive their just reward. He says:—

"Some disturbance has been caused in Lodges and Chapters in portions of our land by a troubler of our fraternity, through the establishment of a secret and despotic institution called 'Conservators.' I have received the Proceedings of several Masonic bodies, in which a synopsis of the twelve points of their obligation is given. One of those points is this: 'Every Conservator is bound to use all his influence to obtain and hold the first three offices in his Lodge, and to seek, by every available means, to obtain possession of the Grand Lodge, so as to compel all Lodges to adopt and use the above-named system of work,'—and, by implication, Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

"Another point is, 'To root out from office all the old Masons who adhere to any other system; to depreciate and diminish their influence; to create jealousies and divisions among them; to attack them, and drive them from all participation in the business or councils of the craft.'

"I would suggest that an order be made by the Grand Chapter, that no Companion could hold an office in the Grand or Subordinate Chapter who is in any way connected with this secret organization, or who will not repudiate and withdraw, in *good faith*, from all connection with it, or its specific or implied objects."

In speaking of the inability of exhibiting the proper work of the degrees, he remarks that —

"One fruitful cause of the inability of Chapters to confer degrees properly and with understanding, doubtless, may be the election to the higher offices of companions, not because of their Masonic knowledge, but because of their naturally graceful manners and captivating address—like Absalom, who

'stole the hearts of the men of Israel.' Let the offices be given to those best qualified for them. We make this rule generally in our choice of Secretary and Treasurer, to preserve our money and records. Why not follow the rule in the choice of our other officers, to preserve our rites? Are they of less value than money and records?"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, — Massachusetts not having been received, — and say "That they cannot close their report, dictated in a spirit of kindness and fraternal feeling, without expressing their disapprobation at not having received the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, even to this late date," — naming some fifteen Grand Chapters. They are not surprised at the non-reception from States south of Kentucky.

Two copies were mailed from Massachusetts, one by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and one by the Grand Secretary, to all of the Grand Chapters where there were postal facilities; and as yet but a feeble response has been made to our request.

The Committee, in closing, remark: -

"We must again express our regret that the Proceedings of so many Grand Chapters have not reached us. We presume they were sent; these honored Masonic courtesies, we are assured, will never be forgotten; we miss the absent faces sadly; we love to look our love into their eyes, and feel that they speak 'love again.'

"Are there any Grand Arches broken? Search, companions, for the beautiful stone, and bring it forth with 'shoutings and great rejoicing,' and let it again become 'the head of the corner.'"

Resolutions were passed in relation to the death of the M. E. M. H. Burns, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and a memorial page dedicated to his memory. He was cut down in the bloom and vigor of manhood, enjoying, amongst a large circle of intelligent and refined people, a proud position for medical attainments, and those ennobling qualities of heart that alone distinguish the good.

M. E. William E. Robinson, of Louisville, was elected Grand High Priest; and E. Comp. Philip Swigort was re-elected Grand Secretary. The amount of dues paid to the Grand Chapter from forty-five Chapters was \$1,433.

Whole number of Chapters					74
Twenty-nine of which have made	no re	tur	ns.		
Forty-five Chapters return — Mem	bers				1,389
Exaltations					221

## MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Baltimore on the 14th of November, A.I. 2394. M. E. John L. Yeates, G. H. P., presiding.

The annual address of the G. H. P. was confined principally to a report of his official acts and to the anomalous proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial meeting at Chicago in 1859.

We commend his remarks upon the importance of a wise and skillful selection of the *materials* presented for the building up of our Masonic edifice:

"But we must remember, Companions, that the true value of our mystic science is not attributable to numerical force, but to the real worth, industry, and intelligence of our members; numbers may come into our courts and rally under our banners, and yet be as unproductive as drones in the hive, and who, possessing neither industry or ambition, will never aspire to work off a single design from the trestle-board, or add a solitary ashlar to the temple. How careful, then, should we be to admit none within the veils but such as are fully qualified and willing to cultivate that 'Friendship,' 'Union,' 'Fervent Zeal,' and 'Purity of Heart,' which alone should entitle us to the noble name of Masons."

A committee of five was appointed to revise and exemplify the work of the Chapter Degrees at a Special Convocation, to be held in the City of Baltimore, in January, 1865.

A resolution was adopted, having for its object the formation of a new Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia, which was referred to a committee of one member from each Chapter under the present jurisdiction.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Excellent Companion James Stinatt, Grand King, and who for many years has been an

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officer in the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, were adopted.

Companion Stinatt was an active Mason and one of the principal founders of Baltimore Commandery, No. 2, of Knights Templars, and at every Annual Assembly since has been elected as their Eminent Commander. He was also an officer in the Grand Encampment of the United States. Under the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" he had been elected to the highest office in the Consistory.

No report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

E. Comp. John L. Yeates was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. W. Morris Smith was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters	ur	ıđe	r t	his	ju	ris	dic	tio	1		10
"	"	Members											713
"	"	Evelted t	hα	lac	at v	700							194

### MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Missouri held its Annual Convocation in the City of St. Louis, on the eighteenth day of May, 1864. M. E. James N. Burns, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest presented his annual address, reviewing the condition of Royal Arch Masonry under his jurisdiction. He says:—

"That many of our Chapters are doing no good, and are, perhaps, permanently broken up. On the north side of our great river, I do not believe there are six Chapters doing work enough to justify the maintenance of their organizations. The existence of a Chapter, when it fails in its labors and its duties, is a positive injury to the Institution, and a wrong upon the neighboring Chapters. The present and past condition of the State prevents us from censuring our Companions in such cases, but it does not justify us in the continuing of Charters where no efforts have been, or are being now made, to recover what has been lost by merciless encroachments upon our sacred Tabernacles."

We trust that the clouds which have so long obscured the Masonic firmament in many of our Southern and Southwestern jurisdictions are passing away, that the blessing of peace will soon

cause our waste places to be built up, and that our Order will come out of her trials more powerful for good from the severe trials and bitter experiences that she has passed through during the last four years of our country's efforts to preserve and transmit to posterity the heritage of freedom transmitted to us by our PATRIOT FATHERS.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, our own not having been received. This report is very full and complete, reviewing very fully and courteously the doings of the several Grand Bodies. The report is signed by E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary, which is a sufficient guaranty of its completeness.

In relation to Missouri, he says: -

"We acknowledge with sorrow that the unsettled condition of the country for the past three years has borne heavily on Missouri, and that Masonry, like everything else, has suffered; but we are not cast down. Hoping with a Christian's hope, and trusting in the God of Masons, we will come out of those troubles that now beset us, shorn, it may be, of a portion of our strength, but pure and unsullied."

In concluding his report, he says: -

"If the truly Masonic addresses of the several Grand High Priests and the reports on Foreign Correspondence were carefully studied, they would be found to contain lessons of forbearance, kindness, and exalted patriotism. If all Royal Arch Masons were to practise these lessons, then, indeed, would we be found fulfilling our true mission, —allaying strife; practising kindness, forbearance, and gentleness; pouring the oil of love upon the troubled waters of passion and contention; and demonstrating, by every means in our power, that reverence for the Ineffable name and obedience to His laws is no idle profession, but a living, actual reality; and that by the practice of these virtues alone can we be truly entitled to the honored title of a Royal Arch Mason. Companions of this jurisdiction, we can do much good if we are only true to our professions. Let us labor patiently and hopefully, that the time will soon come when our now scattered family may again be united, never again to be severed but by death. May the God of our fathers hasten that day!"

No business of interest to those out of the jurisdiction was transacted.

M. E. J. A. H. Lampten of St. Louis was elected and installed

as Grand High Priest, and R. E. A. O'Sullivan was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of	of	Chapters							23
		Chapters returned .							
		With a Membership o	f						627
,,	,,	Exaltations in fourtee	n	Cl	ar	ter	8		104

#### NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York held its Annual Communication in the city of Albany, on the 2d of February, 1864.

M. E. Darius A. Ogden, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Ninety-one Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we learn that "the past year has been one of uninterrupted, if not unparalleled prosperity to the craft throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand High Priest announces the death of R. E. Companion Ebenezer Wadsworth, who was the oldest member of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York; and, in a supplementary report, the death of the venerable Rev. Grand Chaplain, Salem Towne, LL.D. He says:—

"Companion Wadsworth was among the oldest, if not the very oldest, member of this Grand Chapter. In 1806, fifty-eight years ago, he was elected Grand Scribe; and it is noteworthy that at the same Convocation Rev. Salem Towne was elected Grand Chaplain, which office he, with but few exceptions, has filled and honored since.

"From 1818 to 1825 Comp. Wadsworth served the Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary, and was then succeeded by our present worthy Grand Secretary. In 1838 he was again elected Grand Scribe. His name also appears among the original corporators in the act incorporating the Grand Chapter of New York by the Legislature in 1818.

"The Rev. Comp. Towne departed this life at the residence of his son in Green Castle in Indiana, on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1864, and was buried with becoming honors at Aurora, Cayuga County, N.Y., where he had resided most of his life.

"Salem Towne was one of the best of men, as well as one of the most devoted and faithful of Masons. No words of mine can add to his reputation. His life-long exemplification of Christian purity and excellence, of manly virtue and integrity, are his best and proudest eulogy. He was acknowledged and respected by the world as a truly great and useful man, and his Masonic brethren everywhere know and remember him as one of the brightest jewels of their fraternity,—one fitted by faith in God, and polished by a well-ordered life, for the Great Master's use in the Temple above, to whose services and felicities he has passed from his earthly labors."

Upon our duties as citizens in the present disturbed condition of our country, he remarks:—

"Without trenching on forbidden ground, but with entire propriety, nay, with high hope and bright assurance, we look beyond the dark cloud which envelopes the present, and trace the course, the influence and beneficent action of our great fraternal brotherhood. With its foundations laid outside, and its labor of love lifted above and operating beyond the limits of partisan feeling or political action, it will stand a steady light to aid the revolution-tossed ship of State to the haven of peaceful rest, and that sure and permanent progress which can only come with peace and civil order."

The Standing Committee on Grievances reported, on the appeal of a Companion from the decision of Champlain Chapter, which report was accepted:—

"That, in their opinion, an expelled member of a Lodge, by such expulsion becomes excluded from all rights and privileges in a Chapter, and therefore no appeal can be entertained by this Grand Body, until he shall have been restored to all the rights and privileges of the Lodge from which he shall have been expelled."

The same Committee also reported upon the charges preferred against a Companion, who it was alleged had received the Chapter degrees in an irregular manner. They also submitted a resolution which, with the Report, was accepted and adopted. The Committee say—

"That it was clearly proved that Comp. Shields was initiated, passed, and raised in the Shamrock and Thistle Lodge, in Glasgow, Scotland, in which Lodge he claims all the Chapter degrees, except the Most Excellent Master, were conferred on him 'on the blue.' Your Committee have not deemed it necessary to ascertain whether all the Chapter degrees except the M. E. Master were regularly conferred on him in that Lodge, because it is conceded by him that they did not confer, nor has he ever received the degree of M. E. M., and this deficiency enables the Committee to determine the case without further examination of the other questions. Comp. Shields was subsequently admitted as a member of Nassau Chapter, No. 109; and

no charges are made against him affecting his moral character, or standing, as a man or a Mason.

"Your Committee are of the opinion that Nassau Chapter violated the Constitution of this Grand Body, as it is thereby expressly forbidden to any Chapter to admit any person who has not regularly received, among others, the degree of M. E. M.

"Comp. Shields had therefore no right to become such member, and the charge that he had not received the Chapter degrees in a regular manner, was clearly sustained, and the commission should have so found.

"Resolved, That Nassau Chapter, No. 109, be and is hereby authorized, on the application of Companion Shields, to duly hail him as a Royal Arch Mason, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, and confer on him in due form the degree of M. E. M. That, on the same being so done, they certify the fact forthwith, under seal, to the M. E. Grand High Priest; and that thereupon all proceedings under the charges against him be and the same is hereby discharged."

The Committee on the Royal Arch Jurisprudence submitted a Report on several questions referred to them — which Report was accepted and adopted — the most important of which we here present:—

- "1. Is it competent for a less number than nine to ballot for a candidate? The Chapter is opened with a constituted number, and a Companion leaves: can it then ballot, as well as transact other business?
- "It cannot. Without nine companions present, it is not a Chapter, and can do nothing as a Chapter. As well might a Master's Lodge act with but two present.
- "2. Is a Companion guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor who openly exhibits a black ball to the full view of the Chapter before depositing it in the box?
- "He is, most certainly. Not only is the ballot strictly and inevitably secret, but such conduct leads to strife and dissension, and is amenable to Masonic penalties.
- "3. Is a companion guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor, who casts a black ball against the application of a clergyman to receive the Chapter degrees, and states, when doing so, that he has nothing against the applicant?
- "He is. The question, however, seems to imply more; and assuming either that the Companion avowed unworthy motives, or gave insufficient reasons for his acknowledged dissent, he is alike amenable to law. The mode of procedure in such cases is, to prefer charges for unmasonic conduct, with specifications."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. They say:—

"We miss from our councils the tidings we were wont to receive from our Companions of the South; and while we anxiously wait we ardently pray for their return to the fold; and all shall again gather around our sacred Masonic altar in devout thanksgiving, 'for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again, and was lost, and is found.'"

In their review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, the Committee take the same view substantially that was taken by us in our Report of last year; and we are glad to learn that they considered the action of Iowa of so much importance as to make it a subject of reference to their Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, who reported as follows:—

- "1. That the office of Deputy Grand High Priest is not only eminently proper, but is provided for specifically in the General Grand Constitutions.
- "2. That a Deputy Grand High Priest has no powers or duties, except such as may be specifically assigned to him by the Grand Chapter for convenience, as the representative of the Grand High Priest, except in case of absence from the State, the inability to act, or the death of the latter."

# They further say: -

"The argument of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a proper reply to the positions taken in the Grand Chapter of Iowa; but, in addition to this, it will be found that the argument of our Iowa Companions is rather fanciful than practical. The three offices in the Grand Council represent the Priest, King, and Prophet, as under the Jewish government at the time of the erection of the second temple, each having distinct but specific duties; the Priest, for reasons obvious to every intelligent Royal Arch Mason, being given the preference. So far the theory of a 'three-headed unity' is preserved. But our Iowa Companions propose an innovation in a position where governmental functions are more important, - that is in a Grand Chapter. Their argument would, in case of a vacancy in the office of Grand High Priest, not only commingle the mitre and the crown, but destroy the triad, and remove one side of the triangle. We prefer ever to preserve it, and, to prevent the casualties incident to human life, have provided a substitute from amongst the sons of Aaron, without placing the sacred ephod upon the shoulders of the line of David."

From the report of the same Committee on Foreign Correspondence we learn that the M. E. John L. Lewis, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, has, during the last year renewed the Dispensation for Leavenworth Chapter, in Kansas. Also granted dispensations for Chapters in Denver City, Colorado; Carson City, Nevada; and for a Chapter at Smyrna, in Asiatic Turkey.

M. E. Darius A. Ogden was re-elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. John O. Cole re-elected Grand Secretary.

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After completing our review of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, we received their report for 1865.

We have not space for an extended notice; but we cannot fail to notice, with great pleasure, the adoption of the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, That the erection of a Hall, and establishment of an Asylum for the benefit of aged and indigent Masons is a measure which strongly commends itself to the favorable consideration of this Grand Chapter, and is entitled to its cordial support.

"Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated, out of the funds of the Grand Chapter, to be paid to the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of the State of New York, as the contribution of the Grand Chapter to that charity."

The M. E. Grand High Priest was requested to call the attention of the subordinate Chapters under his jurisdiction to take measures to further this noble charity before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Warrants reported in favor of granting warrants for nine new Chapters, which report was accepted, and warrants granted.

The Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence submitted the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:—

"Resolved, That a ballot may be demanded on the application of a brother for advancement in the degrees of the Chapter, and if such ballot be unfavorable he must petition as at first, and like action must be had thereon."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very full and interesting report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen jurisdictions, Massachusetts included. We note with pleasure the following extract:-

"Among the incidents of the day, we find one which must be highly gratifying to every loyal Mason; we view it as an earnest of returning national and Masonic reunion. At a Masonic gathering in the city of Savannah, in December last past (1864), there were representatives of Massachusetts, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Colorado Territory, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, and Ohio. How appropriate the language of the Psalmist to that occasion: 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' May God grant this to be but the beginning of like communications, until all shall be again united in one bond of indissoluble brotherhood."

M. E. Horace S. Taylor, of New York, was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. John O. Cole, of Albany, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters				. 99
,,		Members reported				
••		Exaltations				1,383

## NEW JERSEY.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this jurisdiction was holden in the city of Trenton on the 14th of September, A.D. 1864. M. E. John Shoville, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Every Chapter under the jurisdiction was represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, from which we learn that "peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction. Our labors have been abundantly blessed, and prosperity has crowned our efforts to advance the interests of our beloved order."

In alluding to the condition of our country he remarks: -

"Again, Companions, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence will be under the necessity of reporting, that, in consequence of the unsettled state of the country, many of our Grand Chapters still fail to send us their fraternal greetings. My Companions, let us with one accord humbly beseech Almighty God to hasten the day when the clouds of this wicked rebellion shall roll away and the light of peace again bless our land; when, in every locality of our common country, our brethren and Companions may be united in the great and glorious work of disseminating the fundamental principle of our Institution—'peace on earth, and good will to men.'"

Nothing of particular interest was before the Convocation, with the exception of adopting a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Royal Craft, which was adopted as reported by the Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their annual report, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, our own included.

The Chairman, Rev. Companion William H. Jeffreys, in his report of last year, announced that, "with the conclusion of this report, we propose, if our Companions will consent, to lay down the pen, and retire from the list of Masonic writers."

But the Companions were too wise to consent to lose so able a workman, so that we are able again to present specimens of the work of our Companions in New Jersey. He remarks:—

"That the continued unsettled condition of the country has prevented Masonic correspondence with the Grand Chapters of the Southern States; for we are exceedingly anxious to know if Royal Arch Masonry has to any extent shared in the common ruin to which the rebellion has brought most of the institutions of that section of our common country. We fear that the long continued silence of our Royal Arch Companions in the South is ominous of evil. If this report should chance to cross the lines, and reach a sacred tabernacle in any of the Southern States, we trust that it will have a tendency to stimulate Royal Arch Masons to 'make a diligent search,' and see if they have not foolishly thrown away something of great value and importance. And we adjure them by all the sacred ties of our order to 'assemble the Craft,' and have the 'Royal proclamation' read in the hearing of all of the workmen, and then ask the question: 'Who is there among you? His God be with him,' if he will go up and labor to 'rebuild the sacred Temple,' and 'restore the beautiful workmanship' wrought out from the rough quarries by the dilligent hands of our forefathers."

Not having received the report from Missouri, we copy from the review of Companion Jeffreys:—

"The M. E. Grand High Priest, James N. Burns, says, in his annual address: 'Many of our Chapters are doing no good, and are, perhaps, permanently broken up. On the north side of our great river, I do not believe there are six Chapters doing work enough to justify the continuance of their organization.'

"Again he says: 'But few of our Companions understand the glorious traditions of the Royal Arch, and fewer still can communicate them to others. In most Chapters in Missouri, at this day, the degrees of M. E. and the Royal Arch are conferred almost unintelligibly, and frequently are made to appear senseless and ridiculous.'"

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Referring to the report on Foreign Correspondence, made by M. E. Companion O'Sullivan, Companion Jeffreys says, that —

"This report gives evidence that, at least, one Royal Arch Mason in Missourio possesses Masonic ability, and fully understands 'the glorious traditions of the sublime Royal Arch.'"

"Companion O'Sullivan concludes his report with the following fitting words: 'If the truty Masonic addresses of the several Grand High Priests and the reports on Foreign Correspondence were carefully studied, they would be found to contain lessons of forbearance, kindness, and exalted patriotism. If all Royal Arch Masons would practice these lessons, then, indeed, would we be found fulfilling our true mission,—pouring the oil of love upon the troubled waters of contention and passion, and demonstrating by every means in our power that reverence for the INEFFABLE NAME, and obedience to His laws, is no idle profession, but a living and actual reality among Royal Arch Masons.'"

The report of Companion Jeffreys is concluded with the following excellent advice:—

"Be not only Freemasons in name, but in spirit and in truth. Let not the fratricidal war which still continues in our country, nor the approaching contest of political parties at the ballot-box, or any other external commotion, stir up strife and discord within our sacred tabernacles. In view of solemn pledges and sacred ties let us agree to—

Adopt this rule, and have no other, If a man's a Mason, he 's a brother."

M. E. Companion Charles M. Zeh was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Companion John Wolverton re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters							13
,,	,,	Members				ì			624
		Fraltation							142

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Concord, on Monday, the 6th of June, 1864, and were in session two days.

. M. E. E. W. Harrington, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest was presented as usual, reporting his doings for the year. He presented some

timely remarks upon the trials of our country during the year, and concludes: —

"From these scenes, fraught with gloomy recollections of the past and doubtful forebodings of the future, let us turn to the exercises of this hour with a stronger desire to practise, exemplify, and disseminate the virtues and principles laid down by the Supreme Grand Ruler of the universe, upon which rests the temple of Freemasonry; and let us, with an undoubting trust in that Providence which has spared us during the past year, earnestly labor for the triumph of those principles, that peace and prosperity may again dawn upon us as a people, and bless our land."

From the several Reports of the Grand Council, the several Chapters under this jurisdiction were visited, and the work in the several degrees exemplified, and are reported as being in a healthy and flourishing condition.

We cannot refrain from quoting some timely remarks made by the E. Grand King in the conclusion of his Report. He says:—

"No one should accept an office in any Masonic body, who is unable or unwilling to devote the requisite time and labor to a thorough preparation for its duties; nor should he shrink from occasional inconvenience and sacrifice, if necessary, rather than be absent from his station at any regular or special meeting. This disregard of their obligations, so often shown by officers of Chapters, by want of punctuality in attendance and proficiency in their duties, gives our ancient institution more dangerous wounds in the house of its friends than it is possible for it to receive from its bitterest enemies."

The doings of the session were confined to its annual business; nothing of interest outside of their jurisdiction was transacted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, our own included; but as these Reports were noticed by us in a preceding Report, we find nothing new to present. In relation to Massachusetts they say:—

"The Committee is pleased to find that this Grand Chapter is wheeling into the line with other Grand Chapters, so far as to present, for the first time, a Report on Foreign Correspondence."

M. E. Companion John R. Holbrook, of Portsmouth, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest; and E. Companion Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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,,	,,	Members .										732
11	٠,	Exaltations				٠.	٠.					104

#### OHIO.

The annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio, was held in the city of Cleveland on the 14th and 15th of October, 1864.

M. E. Thomas J. Larsh, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Fifty-five Chapters were reported as being represented.

The Grand High Priest presented his Annual Communication in reference to official business.

He reports the granting of dispensations for three Chapters, to be known as Crestline, En-sa-wor-sa, and Clyde, and it was subsequently voted that Charters be granted.

He also reports the death of past Grand High Priest James Gates, High Priest of Lancaster Chapter, No. 11. Comp. Gates was born Aug. 13th, 1790, near Waterford, Maine, and was consequently in his seventy-fourth year. In 1829 he was elected High Priest of Lancaster Chapter, and continued to hold that honorable station by annual elections, until the day of his death. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in 1830.

He also reports a communication from the Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. and S. M., in relation to the surrender of these degrees to the Grand Chapter of Ohio, which was referred to a select committee of five.

In concluding his Report he congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the harmony and prosperity which has prevailed throughout their jurisdiction.

The Committee on Grievances reported on the appeal of Comp. O. Evans, jr., from the action of Trinity Chapter, No. 44, in suspending him for non-payment of dues. The Committee say in their report:—

"That a difficulty occurred some two years ago, between Comp. Evans and Trinity Chapter, in consequence of said Chapter conferring degrees on a candidate, contrary to the wishes, and in opposition to the written protest of Comp. Evans; for which action of the Chapter he made complaint to this Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter passed a vote of censure on Trinity Chapter. Comp. Evans then asked for a dimit from Trinity Chapter, which they neglected to give, and at the close of the year called upon him for his

dues. This he paid, and sent a written request to the Trinity Chapter for a dimit, which they utterly refused, and at the close of another year suspended him for non-payment of dues; from this action of Trinity Chapter CompEvans appeals.

"Your Committee are of the opinion that the Chapter erred in not granting Comp. Evans a dimit, and in suspending him for non-payment of dues. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, That the action of Trinity Chapter, No. 44, in suspending Comp. O. Evans, jr., from said Chapter be and the same is hereby reversed.

"Resolved, That said Chapter give said Comp. Evans a dimit of the date of his application.

"Resolutions adopted."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported the following resolution on the rights of members asking for dimits, which was adopted:—

"Resolved, That membership in a Chapter, from first to last, is voluntary on the part of the member. He may, for reasons satisfactory to himself, by consent of the Chapter, and without thereby subjecting himself to Masonic discipline, withdraw his membership; and, until he affiliates, he voluntarily renounces all claim to Masonic consideration."

The following resolutions reported by the Select Committee on the R. and S. M. degrees were adopted:—

"Resolved, That the M E Grand High Priest be requested to correspond with the Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, and, if practicable, agree upon a plan by which the Grand Council may be dissolved, and the degrees of Royal and Select Master transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

"Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to correspond with the Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and the Puissant Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, on the subject, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next Grand Communication."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very interesting Report, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, our own included, all of which are on our files.

M. E. Thomas J. Larsh was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters						•	•	•	85
,,	,,	Members							•		3,139
77	,,	Exaltations	the	pas	t yea	r	•				341
,,	,,	Deaths .							•	•	72

#### VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of this jurisdiction was held at St. Albans on the 5th of October, 1864.

M. E. Gamaliel Washburn, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Thirteen Chapters, the whole number under this jurisdiction, were represented.

From the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest we learn that Royal Arch Masonry is in a healthy condition, "peace and harmony prevailing" throughout their jurisdiction. He announces to the Grand Chapter the death of several of their most aged members:—

"Past Grand High Priest John S. Webster, aged sixty-seven. He was an active and consistent Mason during his entire Masonic life, having been initiated in 1817 He was exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and in 1828 received the Order of Knighthood.

"He had filled the office of Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Vermont, and Grand Commander of Burlington Commandery; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont; and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for five successive years. He was instrumental in the formation of the Lodge at Winooski, bearing his name, Webster, and was elected its Most Worshipful Master.

"Past High Priest Thomas C. Taplin, aged seventy-one years, a wise and skillful Mason. He was initiated in 1817. He had filled the office of M. W. Master of Aurora Lodge; M. E. High Priest of King Solomon's Chapter; and Thrice Ill. Grand Master of Montpelier Council of Royal and Select Masters, which office he held the last eight years of his life.

"Comp. Jacob Rolfe, aged seventy-three years, an intimate friend of Comp. Webster, whom he visited a short time before the death of Comp. Webster. Comp. Rolfe was then in apparent good heaalth. He returned home, sickened and died within a week, following his friend to the land of rest.

"Comp. Henry Crane of Montpelier, was killed in the city of Toronto, while travelling to the West, on the 13th of January, 1864. While in the act of stepping on the train while in motion, lost his footing, and fell under the cars, crushing him in such a manner that he lived but a few hours.

"Comp. William E. Nichols, of Fort Dimmer Royal Arch Chapter, was killed while manfully doing his duty in preserving from fire the property of a brother Mason."

The M. E. in concluding his address remarks: -

"That while our sands are fast running out, and our ranks being thinned by here and there a broken column, it becomes us to work while the day lasts, for soon the night of death will come wherein no man can work. May we be actuated by high and holy motives, dispensing that charity which suffereth long and is kind; for charity and prayer are the wings on which the soul flies to heaven."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing in a faithful manner the proceedings of four-teen Grand Chapters, our own included.

But little business, aside from that usual at an Annual Convocation, was transacted.

We notice in the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, the following Article, which has been adopted in several of the Grand Bodies, but which has not been strictly enforced in many of the jurisdictions:—

"ARTICLE 44. — No non-affiliated Master Mason shall receive the Chapter degrees; and that every Royal Arch Mason under this jurisdiction shall be an affiliated member of some Master's Lodge.

In connection with the Annual Proceedings of 1864, the Grand Chapter ordered the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Gamaliel Washburn, of Montpelier, was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters							13
		Members							900

The Reports reviewed by us all speak of the (late) unhappy condition of our country; but "old things have passed away." Let it now be the work of every true Mason, each in his particular walk in life, to exert every influence that God has given him, in securing a more glorious and enduring future for our country, that by no act of ours, as citizens or as Masons, shall its future be put in jeopardy.

We trust that before the close of another year your Committee may receive words of cheer and encouragement from those jurisdictions who have for so long a period been cut off from all intercourse with us: and may we not hope, that although their altars may have been overthrown, that they are not destroyed; and that our Order, tried as it has been during the last four years of alienation and strife, may come forth stronger and more determined, having been tried in the balance and found not wanting.

Most respectfully submitted.

JAMES KIMBALL, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

# ORGANIZATIONS.

# OFFICERS

#### OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# ELECTED OCTOBER 10, 1865.

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M. E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
M. E. JOHN W. DADMUN	Deputy Grand High Priest.
M. E. DAVID W. CRAFTS	Grand King.
M. E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS .	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. LOUIS A. FELIX	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. CHARLES AVERY	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. BENJAMIN LEWIS	Grand Master Second Veil.
E. J. K. BAKER, Jr	Grand Master First Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. RUFUS S. POPE	, and the second
E. JOHN P. ROBINSON \ .	Grand Chaplains.
E. WILLIAM S. STUDLEY )	•
E. EBEN F. GAY	Senior Grand Steward.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN	Junior Grand Steward.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
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E. SOLON THORNTON \	Committee of Finance.
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E. PETER C. JONES	•
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E. JAMES KIMBALL	Com. on For. Correspondence.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN	;
E. SAMUEL MILLARD	Committee of Charity.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
E. EBEN F. GAY	Grand Tyler.

# PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

# Grand Boyal Breb Chapter of Massachusetts.

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.						.•		1798, 99, 1800
*Dudley Atkins Typ							,	1801, 2.
*TIMOTHY BIGELOW								1808, 4, 5,
*Isaiah Thomas .								1806, 7, 8.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT .						,		1809.
*JAMES DEAN HOPKIN	<b>s</b> .	•			,	,		1810, 11, 12.
*JOHN ABBOT				•		,		1818, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney								1816, 17.
*JAMES PRESCOTT .							•	1818, 19,
*JONATHAN GAGE .	•				•			1820, 21, 22.
*PAUL DEAN								1823, 24, 25.
*DANIEL LEWIS GIBB								1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark .								1829, 80, 81.
*Josiah J. Fiske .			•		•			1832, 83.
*EDWARD A. RAYMON	ъ.							1834, 85, 86.
Simon W. Robinson								1837, 38, 89.
*John B. Hammatt					,			1840.
*Elijah Atherton .						,		1841, 42, 43.
THOMAS TOLMAN .								1844, 45.
CHARLES W. MOORE								1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon								1849, 50, 51.
*STEPHEN LOVELL .						•		1852, 63, 54.
DANIEL HARWOOD .								1855, 56.
WENDELL THORNTON	DAVIS	в.						1857.
JOHN McCLELLAN .			٠.					1858.
JAMES KIMBALL .								1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton .								1862, 63, 64.

<sup>\*</sup> Deceased.

# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng				1799, from April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage · .				·
*Joshua Greenleaf				
*Simon Eliot				
*Benjamin Russell				
*HENRY FOWLE .				·
*James C. King .				
*SAMUEL L. KNAPP .				
*Paul Dean				
*Augustus Prabody	,			1823–1826.
*Benjamin Huntoon			•	1826–29.
*Robert Lash				1829–33.
THOMAS TOLMAN .				. 1833 and 1841-44
GARDNER RUGGLES.				
*JOHN B. HAMMATT .				
*Elijah Atherton .				1840.
*Étras Haskell .				1844, 45:
*RUEL BAKER				1846, 47.
GILBERT NURSE .				. 1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr.				
*STEPHEN LOVELL .				1850, 51.
TIMOTHY INGRAHAM				1852.
E. M. P. WELLS .			•	1853.
JOSEPH BEDLOW .				1854.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON				1865.
WILLIAM R. ALGER				1856.
TRACY P. CHEEVER				1857.
*ISAAC P. SEAVY .				1868.
WYZEMAN MARSHALL				1859.
		•		1860.
RICHARD BRIGGS .	:			1861.
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM				1862.
JOHN K. HALL .				. 1868.
CALEB RAND	•			1864.

# PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng						1798.
*James Harrison .						1799.
*WILLIAM MCKEEN .						1800.
*Charles Jackson .						1801.
*Benjamin Russell .						1802.
*GILMAN WHITE .						1803, 4.
*DAVID COFFIN, Jr						1805.
* A				•		1806.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT .						1807, 8.
*WILLIAM WOART .						1809, 10
*John Abbot						1811, 12
*SAMUEL L. KNAPP .						1813, 14
*Henry Fowle						1815.
*James C. King .						1816, 17.
*Joseph Brown .						1818.
*Robert Lash						1819.
*CALEB BUTLER .						1820-23
HENRY WHIPPLE .						1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens						1824-25.
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD						1826-29.
*CHARLES TRAIN .						1829-32
*Edward A. Raymond						1832, 33.
*WILLIAM WHITING .						1834, 35.
SIMON W. ROBINSON						1836.
*Elijah Atherton .						1837-40.
*Enoch Hobart .						1840.
*John R. Bradford .	• .					1841-44
CHARLES W. MOORE						1844, 45.
GILBERT NURSE .						1846, 47
WILLIAM EATON .						1848.
LUCIEN B. KEITH .						1849.
SAMUEL MILLARD .						1850, 51
John Flint						1852.
						1853.
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN						1854.
JONATHAN G. JOHNSON						1855.
Wendell Thornton Da	VIS					1856.
WILLIAM PARKMAN.						1857.
WILLIAM H. I. SWITT						1959

WILLIAM W. BAKER					1859.
*Sylvester Baxter.					1860.
WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF					1861.
CHARLES C. DAME .					1862.
HENRY CHICKERING					1863.
ALBERT E. FOTH .		•			1864.

# PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison						1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf						1799.
*Charles Jackson						1800.
*Benjamin Russell						1801.
*Stephen Howard						1802.
*ABRAHAM PERKINS						1803, 4.
*Samuel A. Otis						1805.
*James Dean Hopki	INS					1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.						1807, 8.
*Thomas Jackson						1809.
*Sumner Barstow						1810.
*HENRY PURKETT						1811.
*EDWARD TURNER						1812.
*Andrew Sigourne	Y					1813, 14.
*NATHANIEL KNAPP,	Jr.					1815.
*Joseph Brown						1816, 17.
*Robert Lash .						1818.
*James Morse .						1819, 20.
*Rosewell Lee						1821.
*Daniel Baxter						1822.
*Daniel Lewis Gib	BENS					1823.
*John James Loring	<b>3</b>					1824, 25.
*Samuel Clark					•	1826-29.
CHARLES WELLS						1829-33.
*WILLIAM WHITING						1833.
SIMON W. ROBINSON	N					1834-35.
*Elijah Atherton						1836.
*Enoch Hobart						1837-40.
*John R. Bradford	•					1840.
*Robert Keith						1841-44.
*Ruel Baker .						1844, 45.
*Joel Talbot .				•		1846, 47.
*Lucien B. Keith						1848.

SAMUEL MILLARD						18 <del>4</del> 9.
*Henry Earl .						1850, 5
JONAS A. MARSHAI	LL					1852.
*Horace Chenery						1853.
JOHN McCLELLAN						18 <b>54</b> .
ABRAHAM A. DAMI	E.					1855.
John Andrews	•					1856.
JOEL SPALDING						1857.
JAMES KIMBALL						1858.
HENRY GODDARD						1859.
GEORGE SHERWIN						1860.
GEORGE TALBOT						1861.
Moses H. Fowler						1862.
JOHN N. PIKE .						1863.
WANTED TO DEBT						1964

# ABSTRACT

#### FROM THE

# Beturns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1865,

## WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5769.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. LYMAN B. MESTON		•		High Priest.
E. George T. Ambrose				King.
E. A. F. CHAPMAN .				Scribe.
CHARLES W. ROMNEY .				Captain of the Host.
J. N. M. CLOUGH				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM S. HILLS .				Royal Arch Captain
FRANCIS P. BABBITT .		•		Master Third Veil.
GEORGE E. HALL				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES O. Fox				Master First Veil.
JOHN McCLELLAN				Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN .				Secretary.
JOHN P. ROBINSON .				Chaplain.
LUTHER L. TARBELL .	•			Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 351; Candidates exalted, 71; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$219.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

# A.L. 5790.

## OFFICERS.

JOHN N. PIKE						High Priest.
WARREN CURRIER				٠.		King.
WILLIAM H. JOHNS	ON					Scribe.
ENOCH G. CURRIER			٠.			Captain of the Host.
JOHN WALTON						Principal Sojourner.
DAVID J. ADAMS						Royal Arch Captain.
NATHAN A. MOULTO	N					Master Third Veil.
TRISTRAM TALBOT						Master Second Veil
JOHN M. CARTER '						Master First Veil.
MARK SYMONS						Treasurer.
JAMES W. CHENEY						Secretary.
O. S. BUTLER						Chaplain.
SAMUEL NOYES						Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 57; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

# WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

## A.L. 5811.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. W. C. MAXWELL		•	•	•	High Priest.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS					King.
E. John J. Coker					Scribe.
J. P. Browning .					Captain of the Host.
G. W. Rollins .					Principal Sojourner.
HENRY H. BLAKE .					Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE TAPLEY .					Master Third Veil.
SAMUEL WESTON .					Master Second Veil.
DANIEL H. JEWETT					Master First Veil.
ALVA KENDALL .					Treasurer.
WILLIAM ARCHER .					Secretary.
WILLIAM L. BATCHELDE	R				Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 112; Candidates exalted, 37; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$117.

# ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

# A.L. 5816.

#### OFFICERS.

E. John B. Baylies King.	
E. John A. Lee	
WILLIAM W. ARNOLD	ost.
HENRY G. POMBOY	ner.
DAVID S. SMALL Royal Arch Cap	tain.
WILLIAM E. MASON Master Third Ve	il.
CHARLES H. SANFORD	eil.
CHARLES SEARELL	l.
EDWARD STETSON	
E. C. LEONARD Secretary.	
Rev. George W. Stearns	
WILLIAM A. SEARELL Sentinel.	

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 240; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$96.

# MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

#### A.L. 5817.

#### OFFICERS.

			High Priest.
			King.
			Captain of the Host.
			Principal Sojourner.
			Royal Arch Captain.
			Master Second Veil.
			Master First Veil.
			Treasurer.
			Secretary.
			Chaplain.
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# Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 229; Candidates exalted, 39; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$123.

# FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

## A.L. 5817.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. W. C. Robinson				High Priest.
E. ROBERT R. MAYERS				King.
E. CHRISTOPHER CLARK				Scribe.
GEORGE F. WRIGHT	,			Captain of the Host.
JOSIAH F PRINDLE				Principal S journer.
JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS		•		Royal Arch Captain
IRA H. STEVENS .				Master Third Ve
O. O. ROBERTS .				Master Second Veil.
C. J. EMERSON .				Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright .				Treasurer.
A. PERRY PECK .				Secretary.
W. T. CLEMENT .				Chaplain.
GEORGE F. PHELPS				Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 98; Candidates exalted, 28; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$90.

# ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5818.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. HENRY ENDICOTT						High Priest.
E. FREDERIC A. PIERCE	;					King.
E. R. M. BARKER .						Scribe.
JAMES A. FOX .						Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL W. GREENE						Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES G. JACKMAN						Royal Arch Captain.
HENRY N. SAWYER		•	. •			Master Third Veil.
HENRY WARREN .						Master Second Veil.
HENRY A. BARRY .						Master First Veil.
JOHN K. HALL .						Treasurer.
THEODORE H. EMMONS						Secretary.
John W. Dadmun .						Chaplain.
LUTHER L. TARBELL		•			•	Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 345; Candidates exalted, 54; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$171.50.

# MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

# A.L. 5820.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Jonathan R. Gar	Y			High Priest.
E. BRADFORD KINSLEY				King.
~				Scribe.
James Swan			٠.	Captain of the Host.
I. H. STEARNS				Principal Sojourner.
Benjamin Ward, Jr.				Royal Arch Captain.
HIRAM LINFIELD .				Master Third Veil.
Washington Tower				Master Second Veil.
Horace Brais				• Master First Veil.
LEMUEL GAY				Treasurer.
				Secretary.
				Chaplain.
А. В. Аввот				

## Regular Meetings, Friday preceding full moon.

Present number of Members, 87; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$36.

# THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

#### A.L. 5821.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. CHARLES S. LITCH			High Priest.
E. E. D. BANCROFT .			King.
E. John Burney			Scribe.
Jonas A. Marshall .			Captain of the Host.
JAMES E. MANNING			Principal Sojourner.
WARREN C. UPTON			Royal Arch Captain.
FRANCIS SHELDON			Master Third Veil.
JOSEPH A. TUFTS			Master Second Veil.
S. W. Huntley			Master First Veil.
ARNOLD WILSON			Treasurer.
HENRY ALLISON			Secretary.
DAVID C. BRICK			Chaplain.
JOSEPH PIERCE			Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday on or before the full moon in each month, July excepted.

Present number of Members, 70; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

# WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

## A.L. 5823.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. THOMAS E.	St.	John				High Priest.
E. C. G. REED.						King.
E. F. H. RICE .				.•		Scribe.
JOHN DEAN .			٠.			Captain of the Host.
DANIEL W. BEMIS						Principal Sojourner
JOSEPH B. LAWREN	CE					Royal Arch Captain
DANIEL SEAGRAVE						Master Third Veil.
J. E. CHASE .						Master Second Veil.
С. Н. Гітсн .	٠.					Master First Veil.
ASA WALKER .						Treasurer.
CLARENDON WHEE	LER					Secretary.
SAMUEL KELLEY						Chaplain.
N. Cowen	٠.					Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month, except July and August.

Present number of Members, 120; Candidates exalted, 29; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$95.

# MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

#### A.L. 5824.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. HENRY C. SKINNER			High Priest.
E. J. R. SPAULDING .			King.
E. H. H. Bowers .			Scribe.
GEORGE E. STACY .			Captain of the Host
JOHN S. Cox			Principal Sojourner
J. HARDING SMITH			Royal Arch Captain
EZRA HOLBROOK			Master Third Veil.
LEONARD FAIRBANKS .			Master Second Veil
J. C. Bradford			Master First Veil.
LEONARD HUNT			Treasurer.
HARRI T. BRADISH			Secretary.
LEONARD WAKEFIELD .			Chaplain.
JOHN M. WOOD			Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 114; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$69.

# NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

#### A.L. 5825.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. SAMUEL W. LEE	, Jr.				High Priest.
E. ROBERT R. MAYERS		•			King.
E. WILLIAM D. AXTEL					Scribe.
GEORGE F. WRIGHT					Captain of the Host.
Josiah H. Prindle					Principal Sojourner.
CHRIS. CLARKE .					Royal Arch Captain.
J. C. WILLIAMS .					Master Third Veil.
J. L. MANCHESTER .					Master Second Veil.
William Welch .					Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright .					Treasurer.
WILLIAM H. TODD .					Secretary.
WILLIAM T. CLEMENTS					Chaplain.
A. S. PHELPS					·Sentinel.

# Regular meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of members, 67; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

# A.L. 5826.

# OFFICERS.

M. E. Jonatha	n Gi	REEN	MOOL	•			High Priest.
E. SAMUEL A.	HA81	INGS					King.
E. J. C. King							Scribe.
N. L. WINCH							Captain of the Host.
B. Morse .							Principal Sojourner.
J. C. CLOYES							Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN BLAIR							Master Third Veil.
L. C. NEWTON							Master Second Veil.
W. H. SEAVER							Master First Veil.
ADAM HEMENW	AY						Treasurer.
C. J. Frost							Secretary.
J. P. TEMPLE							Chaplain.
FREDERICK CO	E						Sentinel.

Regular meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 37; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$84.

# MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

### A.L. 5826.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. HIRAM N. HALL				High Priest.
E. Albion J. Dudley				King.
E. CHARLES MORRILL				Scribe.
T. L. P. LAMSON .				Captain of the Host.
JOHN M. PEVEY .				Principal Sojourner.
HORACE B. BACON .				Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN W. PATCH .				Master Third Veil.
Julian V. Keyes .				Master Second Veil.
FREDERICK FRYE .				Master First Veil.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM				Treasurer.
RICHARD W. BAKER				Secretary.
J. J. Twiss				Chaplain.
S. K. FIELDING				Sentinel.

Regular meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 159; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$56.

# SAINT JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5854.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. JOHN TYRER .				High Priest.
E. E. C. CHAMBERLIN				King.
E. JOHN G HAZLETT				Scribe.
GEORGE F. SAMPSON				Captain of the Host.
J. Byron Nason .		•		Principal Sojourner.
OLOF LINDERGREEN				Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES SMITH				Master Third Veil.
BENJAMIN ALBEE .				Master Second Veil.
THOMAS SHAW				Master First Veil.
GEORGE T. SAMPSON				Treasurer.
H. MAYO				Secretary.
SAMUEL W. FOLJAMBE				Chaplain.
SAMUEL W. GLEASON				Sentinel.

Regular meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 115; Candidates exalted, 38; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$120.

# CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

A.L. 5855.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. GEORGE H. MARDEN			High Priest.
E. HENRY G. FAY			King.
E. James M. Greenwood			Scribe.
CHARLES M. AVERY .			Captain of the Host.
CHARLES T. GAY			Principal Sojourner.
JOHN WALTER			Royal Arch Captain.
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL .			Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM D. SEELY .			Master Second Veil.
John E. Marden			Master First Veil.
SLADE LUTHER			Treasurer.
George W. Vose			Secretary.
Rev. Charles H. Leonard			Chaplain.
Amos Seavey			Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 147; Candidates exalted, 32; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$102.

# ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

# A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. J. K. BAKER,	Jr.	•		•	•	High Priesi.
E. Rufus S. Pope						King.
E. THOMAS WESTON						 Scribe.
J. W. CHAPMAN						Captain of the Host.
G. J. MILLER	:		٠.			Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL SNOW						Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN B. BAXTER						Master Third Veil.
OZIAS C. BAKER						Master Second Veil.
STEPHEN SEARS						Master First Veil.
ALEXANDER BAXTER	:					Treasurer.
A. S. HALLETT						Secretary.
JAMES BARNABY						Chaplain.
SIDNEY CROWELL						Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon in February, May, August, and November.

Present number of Members, 49; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27.

# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

#### A.L. 5856.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. D. B. TENNY						High Priest.
E. F. J. STEVENS .						King.
E. L. C. WADLEIGH						Scribe.
E. M. HINES						Captain of the Host.
DAVID M. KELLY .					•	Principal Sojourner.
B. F. DARLING .						Royal Arch Captain.
ARVIDA M. VANCE						Master Third Veil.
T. P. MITCHELL .						Master Second Veil.
E. BAILEY LITTLEFIE	LD					Master First Veil.
JOHN P. RANDALL						Treasurer.
ALVAH WHITTIER						Secretary.
Rev. C. H. SEYMOUR			,			Chaplain.
N. K. Johnson .						Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 93; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$69.

# BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

#### A.L. 5858.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. A. N. ALLEN				$High\ Priest.$
E. H. S. Russell .				King.
E. L. Scотт				Scribe.
D. A. CLARY				Captain of the Host.
S. H. Almy				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM H. COOLEY				Royal Arch Captain.
J. T. FENN		. •		Master Third Veil.
H. T. Robbins .				Master Second Veil.
H. H. WELLINGTON				Master First Veil.
J. CARTER				Treasurer.
L. H. GAMWELL .				Secretary.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 49; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$54.

# KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

### A.L. 5858.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. GEORGE RO	BINSO	N.			High Priest.
E. JOHN CROSBY .					King.
E. John Wetherb	EE .				Scribe.
JOHN T. JORDAN .					Principal Sojourner.
J. W. Robinson .					Captain of the Host.
M. H. Gross .					Royal Arch Captain.
N. G. REED	٠.				Master of Third Veil.
D. R. Winslow .					Master of Second Veil
C. W. RICHARDS .					Master of First Veil.
W. C. SHELDON .					Treasurer.
SAMUEL H. PHELPS					Secretary.

No return of Members and Candidates.

# KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

# A.L. 5860.

# OFFICERS.

PENT	ER					High Priest.
NNER					٠.	King.
ER						Scribe.
R.						Principal Sojourner.
						Royal Arch Captain.
						Master of Third Veil.
						Master of Second Veil.
						Master of First Veil.
						Treasurer.
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						Sentinel.
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Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 28; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66.

# MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE. .

### A.L. 5860.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. WILLIAM H. JAQUITH				High Priest.
E. D. F. Robinson				King.
E. DANIEL NASON				Scribe.
JOHN HAIGH				Captain of the Host.
CALEB SAUNDERS				Principal Sojourner.
NATHAN A. BISHOP, Jr				Royal Arch Captain.
G. M. STODDARD			•	Muster of Third Veil.
JOHN B. PENNIMAN	٠,			Master of Second Veil
C. H. FLINT		• .	•	Master of First Veil.
RUFUS REED				Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson				Secretary.
N. W. HARMON				Chaplain.
GEORGE W. WATTERHOUSE	•			Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 80; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

# PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

#### A.L. 5862.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. SAMUEL B. TH.	AXTE	R	•	•		High Priest.
E. Abner Holbrook					.•	King.
E. MICAH NASH .			:			Scribe.
WILLIAM H. DAVIS						Captain of the Host.
CYRUS MORTON, Jr.						Principal Sojourner.
P. F. HOLLYWOOD						Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE W. FAY .						Master of Third Veil.
PRESCOTT LOTHROP						Muster of Second Veil.
FRANKLIN P. HARLOW						Master of First Veil.
BENJAMIN L. NASH						Treasurer.
ERASTUS M. NASH						Secretary.
Rev. F. P. Howland						Chaplain.
Joseph F. French		•				Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 105; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$87.

# WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. FREDERICK J.	Foss		•		High Priest.
E. LYMAN DIKE					King.
E. THOMAS WINSHIP					Scribe.
SAMUEL TIDD .					Captain of the Host.
CHARLES C. DIKE					Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES H. DELANO					Royal Arch Captain.
OSGOOD W. UPHAM					Master of Third Veil.
GEORGE G. NICHOLS					Master of Second Veil.
NATHANIEL LEONARD				٠.	Master of First Veil.
GEORGE W. HEATH					Treasurer.
Walter Littlefield	<b>.</b>				Secretary.
Rev. Thomas J. Gre	ENWO	OD			Chaplain.
SMITH W. NICHOLS					Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 157; Candidates exalted, 60; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$186.

# SAINT MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

# A.L. 5863.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. CHARLES H. WHIT	le:	•					High Priest.
E. Benjamin Pope .			• ,				King.
E. BENJAMIN T. WELLS		•					Scribe.
JOHN J. DYER							Captain of the Host.
DAVID ARMSTRONG .							Principal Sojourner.
HUGH McCully .							Royal Arch Captain.
RALPH CROOKER, Jr.							Master Third Veil.
ETHAN R. CHENEY .							Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM C. CULVER				•		•	Master First Veil.
GEORGE BAXTER, Jr.							Treasurer.
N. A. Appollonio .					. `		Secretary.
Rev. J. I. T. COOLIDGE							Chaplain.
WILLIAM D. ROCKWOOD		•					Sentinel.

Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 95; Candidates exalted, 67.

# HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

#### A.L. 5863.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. JAMES B. SHAW				High Priest.
E. MARSHALL FOX .				King.
E. JOHN E. CRANE .				Scribe.
J. S. WILLIAMS .		٠.		Captain of the Host.
E. F. Morris .				Principal Sojourner.
C. W. HASTINGS .				Royal Arch Captain.
S. G. Newton				Master Third Veil.
FREDERICK J. WASSUM				Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM MERRIAM .	:			Master First Veil.
A. N. DEWEY				Treasurer.
WILLIAM W. CROSS				Secretary.
L. A. Nelson				Sentinel.

Regular meetings, Wednesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 32; Candidates exalted, 4; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18.

# MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. NEHEMIAH T. MERRITT	•			High Priest.
E. HENRY H. GILMORE .				King.
E. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE				Scribe.
BENJAMIN A. HERSEY .				Captain of the Host.
CHARLES E. JOYCE				Principal Sojourner.
BENJAMIN F. HAYES .				Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES H. ARCHIBALD .				Master Third Veil.
Alfred Haskell				Master Second Veil.
SMITH B. HARRINGTON .				Master First Veil.
LUTHER FARWELL				Treasurer.
PARKER R. LITCHFIELD .				Secretary.
James Skinner				Chaplain.
				Sentinel.

Regular meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 61; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$75.

# SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

# A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. Alonzo C. B	LET	HEN				High Priest.
E. John G. Dudley			•			King.
E. JOSHUA C. ELDRE	D					Scribe.
JAMES A. AUSTIN				•		Captain of the Host.
JAMES F. HARTSHOR	NE,	Jr.				Principal Sojourner.
TIMOTHY STEVENS						Royal Arch Captain.
EZEKIEL F. ESTES						Master Third Veil.
GEORGE F. BREED						Master Second Veil.
HENRY O. BURRILL						Master First Veil.
GEORGE B. TOLMAN						Treasurer.
HENRY C. OLIVER						Secretary.
TIMOTHY G. SENTER						Chaplain.
GEORGE T. ESTES						Sentinel.

Regular meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 36; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$34.

# FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. ROBERT C. BROW	'N			High Priest.
E. ROBERT HENRY .				King.
E. Joshua Remington				Scribe.
SILAS WILLIAMS .				Captain of the Host.
JAMES DAVENPORT .				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM DAVENPORT				Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL STILLWELL .				Master Third Veil.
ALDEN GILBERT .				Master Second Veil.
JOHN WHITAKER .				Master First Veil.
A. L. WESTGATE .				Treasurer.
THOMAS L. BRAYTON				Secretary.
JOHN SHEPLEY				Chaplain.
			•	Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 65; Candidates exalted, 65; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$195.

# CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr.				High Priest.
E. WILLIAM F. KNOWLES	,			King.
E. JAMES G. HOLT .				Scribe.
FRANK A. KENNEDY				Captain of the Host.
A. H. STEVENS, Jr				Principal Sojourner.
				Royal Arch Captain.
SAMUEL M. DAVIS .				Master Third Veil.
SAMUEL D. YOUNG .				Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM J. DOWD .				Master First Veil.
CALEB C. ALLEN .				Treasurer.
FREDERICK W. GREGORY				Secretary.
Rev. C. A. SKINNER				Chaplain.
DANIEL M. HAZEN .				Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 14; Candidates exalted, 69; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$207.

# WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. CHARLES A.	WEI	сн			High Priest.
E. Louis A. Felix					King.
E. WILLIAM B. LEA	RNE	D			Scribe.
J. W. FAIRBANKS					Captain of the Host.
ROBERT L. DAVIS					Principal Sojourner.
JOHN. C. LOCKE					Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES MOORE					Master Third Veil.
HENRY W. HARTWE	LL				Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM LOCKE					Master First Veil.
HENRY MARTYN					Treasurer.
FRANCIS W. ADAMS					Secretary.
ROYAL S. WARREN					Chaplain.
Levi Bowers .		•			Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 60; Candidates exalted, 59; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$177.

# SAINT MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

#### A.L. 5864.

### OFFICERS.

M. E. JOHN HOLLAND				High Priest.
E. CHARLES F. JOHNSON				King.
E. James Brown .				Scribe.
EDWARD E. WASHBURN				Captain of the Host.
JOHN E. BROWNE .				Principal Sojourner.
JAMES UTLEY				Royal Arch Captain.
EDWARD MOTT				Master Third Veil.
L. O. BARNARD				Master Second Veil.
F. G. SHALLING .				Master First Veil.
CHARLES LAWTON .				Treasurer.
D. L. MITCHELL .				Secretary.
W. H. Brown				Chaplain.
THOMAS G. ROTHWELL				Sentinel.

### Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 63; Candidates exalted, 52; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$156.

# MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M. E. WILLIAM GROVER	•	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
E. NATHANIEL W. QUINT			٠.			King.
E. John A. Day						Scribe.
OSCAR S. TUTTLE						Captain of the Host.
CYRUS L. FRINK						Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT B. JOHNSON .						Royal Arch Captain
Hosea H. Currier .						Master Third Veil.
ALLAN HIGGINBOTTOM .						Master Second Veil.
CHARLES BLODGETT .						Master First Veil.
THOMAS H. WELLINGTON						Treasurer.
CHARLES H. LYMAN .						Secretary.
ALEXANDER M. AVERILL						Chaplain.
ROBERT S. HOWARD .					•	Sentinel.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 15; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

# MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, ROXBURY.

### A.L. 5865.

# OFFICERS.

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# Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 14; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

# CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS SOUTH VILLAGE.

A.L. 5865. U.D.

#### OFFICERS.

DANIEL UPTON				High Priest.
ALDEN MILLARD				King.
H. C. Bowen .				Scribe.

# RECAPITULATION.

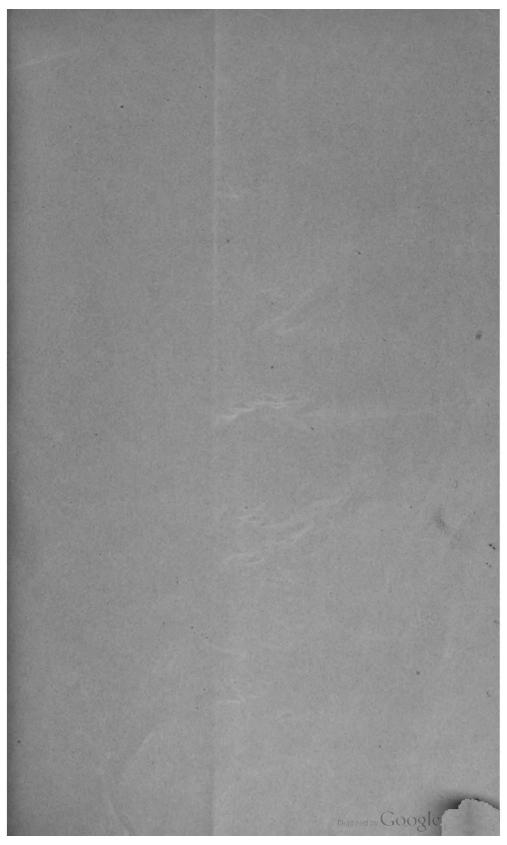
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St. Andrews .							. 71 .	351
King Cyrus .							. 14 .	57
WASHINGTON .							. 37 .	112
Adoniram .							. 30 .	<b>240</b>
MORNING STAR							. 39 .	229
Franklin .							. 28 .	98
St. Paul's .							. 54 .	345
MOUNT ZION .							. 10 .	87
THOMAS .							. 6 .	70
WORCESTER .							. 29 .	120
MOUNT LEBANON							. 21 .	. 114
Northampton							. 18 .	67
CONCORD .							. 23 .	37
MOUNT HOREB							. 16 .	159
St. John's .							. 38 .	115
SHEKINAH .							. 32 .	147
ORIENT							. 7 .	49
Pentucket .							. 21 .	98
BERKSHIRE .							. 16	49
King Solomon's							. 0 .	<b>24</b>
KEYSTONE .							. <b>20</b> .	28
MOUNT SINAI							. 19 .	80
Pilgrim .							. 27 .	105
WAVERLY .							. 60 .	157
St. Matthew's							. 67 .	95
Hampden .							. 4 .	32
MYSTIC							. 23	61
SUTTON							. 18	36
FALL RIVER .							. 55 .	65
Cambridge .							. 69	14
WALTHAM .							. 59 .	60
St. Marks .							. 63 .	52
MOUNT HOLYOKE							. 15 .	14
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# ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS

# FOR 1866.

RICHARD BRIGGS, Grand High Priest	•		Boston, Mass.
THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary			BOSTON, MASS.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Grand Lecturer			Boston, Mass.
JAMES KIMBALL, Committee For. Cor.			SALEM, MASS.

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# PROCEEDINGS

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# GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

DEC. 12, 1865.

A STATED Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

# Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS					Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOHN W. DADMUN					Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DAVID W. CRAFTS					
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAM	MS	,			Grand Scribe.
E. John McClellan					Grand Treasurer.
E. Solon Thornton					Grand Secretary p.t.
					Grand Captain of the Host.
					Grand Principal Sojourner.
					Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. J. K. BAKER					
E. Rufus S. Pope,	)				
E. Rufus S. Pope, E. John P. Robinson,	•				Grand Chaplains.
E. WILLIAM S. STUDLEY,	)				
E. EBEN F. GAY					Senior Grand Steward.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN .					Junior Grand Steward.
E. Alfred F. Chapman .					Grand Lecturer.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL					Grand Tyler.

# Permanent Members.

HENRY CHICKERING.	WILLIAM W. BAKER.	Sam'l K. Hutchinson.
E. W. TOLMAN.	Wyzeman Marshall.	John N. Pike.
А. Е. Готн.	Samuel Millard.	JAMES KIMBALL.

#### Visitor.

THOMAS A. DOYLE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

The following Chapters were represented: -

St. Andrew's.	NORTHAMPTON.	ST. MATTHEW'S.
King Cyrus.	MOUNT HOREB.	HAMPDEN.
Washington.	St. John's.	MYSTIC.
MORNING STAR.	ORIENT.	WALTHAM.
St. Paul's.	PENTUCKET.	St. Mark's.
Mount Zion.	BERKSHIRE.	MOUNT VERNON.
WORCESTER.	Pilgrim.	CAMBRIDGE.
MOUNT LEBANON	WAVEDLY	ł

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

A petition was presented, signed by Companions Daniel Upton, R. B. Dean, F. M. Leonard, H. H. Wellington, David D. Brown, S. A. Skinner, Alden Millard, F. O. Sayles, S. H. Almy, H. M. Holmes, C. D. Cole, H. N. Wells, C. H. Ingalls, H. C. Bowen, R. M. Cole, and N. W. Mason, praying for a dispensation to open and hold a Chapter at Adams South Village, to be named Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter.

This petition was referred to E. Companions Henry Chickering, A. E. Foth, and William W. Baker, who submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted:—

# IN GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, Dec. 12, 1865.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of Companion Daniel Upton and others for a new Chapter to be located in Adams South Village, to be called Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to that duty, and, after due consideration, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

HENRY CHICKERING. A. E. FOTH. WILLIAM W. BAKER. A letter was read from M.W. William Parkman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, in relation to Maria E. Graves, widow of our late brother Benjamin Graves, and daughter of the late E. Companion Thomas Smith Webb. On motion of E. Companion McClellan, the sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the relief of Mrs. Graves.

On motion of E. Companion Thornton, it was *Voted*, That the dispensation to Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter be continued in force until such time as the M.E. Grand High Priest can constitute the same.

On motion of E. Companion Chickering, it was Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to E. Companion A. F. Chapman, Grand Lecturer, and his assistants, for the very able, excellent, and satisfactory manner in which they have this day exemplified the work and lectures of the Royal Arch and Appendant Degrees.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

# SPECIAL CONVOCATION,

Jan. 19, 1866.

A SPECIAL Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was convened at Cambridge on Friday evening, Jan. 19, 1866, M.E. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest, presiding; when Cambridge Royal Arch Chapter was consecrated, and its officers installed in Due and Ancient Form.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

# MARCH 13, 1866.

A STATED Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 13, A.D. 1866, R.A.M. 2396.

#### Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS					Grand High Priest.
M.E. John W. Dadmun					Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DAVID W. CRAFTS .					
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIA	<b>M</b>	8			Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	,				Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Louis A. Felix					Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Alfred F. Chapman					Grand Lecturer.
E. E. M. P. WELLS					Grand Chaplain $p.t.$
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL					Grand Tyler.

# Permanent Members.

JOHN McCLELLAN.	Wyzeman Marshall.	Solon Thornton.
SAMUEL MILLARD.	GILBERT NURSE.	CHARLES C. DAME.
HENRY CHICKERING.	E. W. TOLMAN.	GEORGE TALBOT.
WILLIAM W. BAKER.	JOHN N. PIKE.	WANTON T. DREW.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented: -

St. Andrew's.	MOUNT ZION.	ST. MATTHEW'S.
KING CYRUS.	MOUNT LEBANON.	HAMPDEN.
Washington.	SHEKINAH.	CAMBRIDGE.
Adoniram.	King Solomon's.	WALTHAM.
MORNING STAR.	PILGRIM.	MOUNT VERNON.
ST. PAUL'S.	WAVERLY.	

A petition was presented, signed by George L. Hunt, II. Hunt, Proctor G. Sloan, Andrew Atwood, C. W. Bannon, John H. Williams, Eri Shepardson, A. M. Sawyer, A. G. Moulton, Havillah Holden, Ebenezer Cheney, Asa Barney, I. P. Cutting, George W. Black, A. J. Clark, C. W. Barber, I. D. Chase, Ira Hastings, Jason S. Hastings, and B. M. Sawin, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Athol, in the county of Worcester, to be called Union Chapter. This petition was read and referred to a Committee consisting of E. Companions Wyzeman Marshall, Z. H. Thomas, Jr., and George Robinson. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and accepted:—

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, BOSTON, March 13, 1866.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of George L. Hunt and nineteen others, for a dispensation empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Athol, by the name of Union Royal Arch Chapter, respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. GEORGE ROBINSON.

A petition signed by William Sayward, James H. Upham, Charles Breck, William T. Adams, George Woodman, L. Pratt, S. B. Hildreth, L. H. Dwelley, William H. West, Thomas F. Temple, J. H. Beal, John Robie, Joseph Dix, Richard K. Vaughan, Robert M. Todd, Z. Kenney, D. B. Stedman, Charles Holt, and Nelson N. Farrar, was presented, read, and referred to E. Companions William W. Baker, Wanton T. Drew, and C. H. White, who subsequently submitted the following report:—

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, BOSTON, March 13, 1866.

The Committee appointed to consider the application of Companions William Sayward, James H. Upham, and others, for a

dispensation to form and open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Dorchester, to be called St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to their duty; and after a careful examination of the subject, and being well and favorably acquainted with many of the petitioners thereof, would cordially recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

WILLIAM W. BAKER. W. T. DREW. C. H. WHITE.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:—

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS, BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1865.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Companions,—I have the honor as well as the pleasure of informing you, that on the evening of the twelfth day of December, 1865, M.E. Thomas A. Doyle of Providence Chapter, Rhode Island; Lyman B. Meston of St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston; John W. Dadmun of Mount Vernon Chapter, Roxbury; C. H. White of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; N. T. Merritt of Mystic Chapter, Medford; D. W. Crafts of Northampton Chapter, Northampton; H. N. Hall of Mount Horeb Chapter, Lowell; J. K. Baker, Jr., of Orient Chapter, Hyannis; David B. Tenney of Pentucket Chapter, Haverhill; Jonathan R. Gay of Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton; Henry C. Skinner of Mount Lebanon Chapter, Milford; T. E. St. John of Worcester Chapter, Worcester, were duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

June 12, 1866.

A STATED Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 12, A.D. 1866.

#### Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS .				Grand High Priest.
				Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DAVID W. CRAFTS .				Grand King.
E. John N. Pike				Grand Scribe p.t.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS				Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN				Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. Louis A. Felix				Grand Royal Arch Captain.
				Grand Master Third Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones				Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN				Grand Secretary.
E. John P. Robinson .				
E. Alfred F. Chapman				Grand Lecturer.
E. JAMES KIMBALL				Com. of For. Correspondence.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL				Grand Tyler.
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# Permanent Members.

Solon Thornton.	E. W. TOLMAN.	JOHN K. HALL.
John McClellan.	WILLIAM W. BAKER.	ABRAHAM A. DAME.
SAMUEL MILLARD.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last meeting read and approved.

Companion A. F. Chapman exhibited a Past High Priest's jewel, which was examined by the Companions present; whereupon it was *Voted*, That the same be approved and recommended to the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction as a suitable emblem to be worn by their Past High Priests.

A petition signed by Companions Joel T. White, N. H. Sears, S. W. Aldrich, N. H. Greenwood, H. E. Rockwell, N. B. Chase, I. B. Sayles, H. Fernald, William G. Scandlin, Levi Rawson, and S. E. Hall, praying for authority to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Millbury, in the county of Worcester, to be named Millbury Chapter, was presented and read, and referred to a Committee consisting of E. Companions McClellan, Hall, and Kimball, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was accepted:—

# IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, June 12, 1866.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Companions Joel T. White, N. H. Sears, S. W. Aldrich, and others, for a dispensation to form and open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Millbury, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report:—

Not receiving sufficient evidence that any of the Companions named in the petition are sufficiently acquainted with the work to be able to open and conduct the Chapter, would recommend that the petitioners should wait some further time, until they become better prepared, or can furnish evidence satisfactory to the Grand Chapter of their ability to perform the duties incumbent upon them.

John McClellan. John K. Hall. James Kimball.

A petition signed by Companions S. W. Robinson, John C. Blasdel, Edward Storer, W. H. Pattee, S. G. Damon, Wm. Prouty, M. Morton, Lewis Spalding, Maurice O'Connell, John A. Pattee, W. H. Guild, Bailey Shackford, James Durgin, Addison Hill, Andrew F. Allen, and J. K. Southmayd, praying for authority to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of West Cambridge, to be named Menotomy Royal Arch Chapter, was presented

and referred to a Committee consisting of E. Companions Solon Thornton, Louis A. Felix, and Z. H. Thomas, Jr. This Committee submitted the following report, which was read and accepted:—

Boston, June 12, 1866.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Companions of West Cambridge, for a dispensation for a new Chapter to be located at that place, respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted when the recommendation of the Chapter at Medford is obtained.

Solon Thornton. Louis A. Felix. Z. H. Thomas, Jr.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.

Office of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, Boston, March 13, 1866.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

COMPANIONS, — I have the honor as well as the pleasure of informing you, that on the evening of the thirteenth day of March, 1866, E. Companions Henry Endicott of St. Paul's Chapter, Boston; Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr., of Cambridge Chapter, Cambridge; George Robinson of King Solomon's Chapter, Ware; Stephen Matthewson of Mount Lebanon Chapter, Milford; and James B. Shaw of Hampden Chapter, Palmer, were duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN, Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

On motion of E. Companion William Parkman, it was *Voted*, That the sum of fifty dollars be donated to the widow of our late Companion Robert Keith.

Closed in Ample Form.

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

SEPT. 11, 1866.

THE Annual Convocation of the Grand ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, Sept. 11, A.D. 1866, R.A.M. 2396.

#### Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS					Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOHN W. DADMUN .					Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DAVID W. CRAFTS					Grand King.
E. Marlborough William	8				Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS.					Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Louis A. Felix				:	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Peter C. Jones					Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .					Grand Secretary.
E. Alfred F. Chapman .					Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson					Grand Chaplain.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL .	•				Grand Tyler.

### Permanent Members.

John McClellan. Solon Thornton. Charles C. Dame.	E. W. Tolman. William Parkman. A. A. Dame. Samuel Millard.	HENRY CHICKERING. A. A. FOTH. JOHN N. PIKE.
	SAMUEL MILLARD.	1

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's.	THOMAS.	King Solomon's.
KING CYRUS.	MOUNT LEBANON.	St. Matthew's.
WASHINGTON.	Northampton.	SUTTON.
ADONIRAM.	MOUNT HOREB.	CAMBRIDGE.
MORNING STAR.	St. John's.	WALTHAM.
St. Paul's.	SHEKINAH.	MOUNT VERNON.
	BERKSHIRE.	

E. Companion John McClellan, Chairman of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending Aug. 31, 1866, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Com-	
mittee find correct, that there was a balance of cash in	
his hands at the commencement of the year, of \$251.75	
He has received for dues from thirty-three Chapters 2,780.50	
Dispensations for three new Chapters	
Interest on Investments	
Total	3,675.87
His Disbursements have been as follows: —	
For Regalia	
Diplomas	
Charity	
Rent of Hall and Gas	
Printing Proceedings 186.76	
Banquet	
Expenses of Grand Officers for constituting new Chap-	
ters, visiting Chapters, and attending the triennial	
meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the Uni-	
ted States at Columbus, Ohio, &c	
Three shares National Bank of North America 300.00	
Sundry Bills, including Secretary's and Tyler's	
fees, &c	3,604.18
Balance on hand	\$71.69
The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of—	
One City of Boston 5 per cent Bond	1,000.00
Five shares Howard National Bank	500.00
Two shares North National Bank	200.00
Seven shares Eliot National Bank	700.00
Five shares Boston National Bank	500.00
Two shares First National Bank	200.00
Five shares Merchants' National Bank	500.00
Six shares National Bank of North America	000.00
DIA DIEMICO LIMICIANI DAIRE VI LIVIUI LAMICITON	600.00
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	

The Committee recommend the payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John McClellan. Solon Thornton. Henry Endicott.

Boston, Sept. 11, 1866.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

E. Companion Solon Thornton was called to the chair, who appointed E. Companions McClellan, Lewis, Robinson, Pierce, and Tyror a Committee to collect, sort, and count the votes, when the following Grand Officers were unanimously elected, viz.:—

M.E. BICHARD BRIGGS . . . . . . . . . . . . Grand High Priest.

M.E. CHARLES A. WELCH . . . . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. HENRY ENDICOTT . . . . . . . . . . . . Grand King.

E. RUFUS S. POPE . . . . . . . . . . . . . Grand Scribe.

E. PETER C. JONES . . . . . . . . . . . . . Grand Treasurer.

E. THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . . . . . . . . Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand High Priest elect, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz.:—

E. THEODORE H. EMMONS, Boston . . . Grand Captain of the Host.

E. Benjamin Lewis, Worcester		Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. C. H. Norris, Salem		Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. H. C. SKINNER, Milford		Grand Master Third Veil.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN, Boston		Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER, Holyoke		Grand Master First Veil.
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun, Boston,		Grand Chaplains.
E. N. A. APOLLONIO, E. EBEN F. GAY,	•	Grand Stewards.
E. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston		Grand Lecturer.
E. HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield		Com. on For. Correspondence.

E. John McClellan,					•
E. SOLON THORNTON, E. JOHN K. HALL,					Committee of Finance.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,					
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, E. SAMUEL MILLARD, E. THOMAS WATERMAN,					Committee of Charity.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN, )					
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL .					Grand Tyler.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed as above were duly installed, and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

On motion of E. Companion Chickering, it was *Voted*, That the Council of the Grand Chapter be a Committee to consider the subject of Regalia, and report at the next Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form, with a solemn invocation to Deity.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

DEC. 11, 1866.

A STATED Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was convened at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, A.D. 1866, R.A.M. 2396.

#### Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS		•	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	Grand High Priest.
M.E. CHARLES A. WEI	CH								Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT									Grand King.
E. Rufus S. Pope .									Grand Scribe.
E. Theodore H. Emm	ONE	3							Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Benjamin Lewis									Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. CHARLES G. JACKM.	AN								Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. John P. Robinson,	)								
E. John W. Dadmun,	{								Grand Chaplains.
E. GEORGE L. HUNT,	)								

E. Alfred F. Chapman						Grand Lecturer.
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL						Grand Tyler.
E. Peter C. Jones						Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN.						Grand Secretary.

#### Permanent Members.

JOHN McClellan.	John N. Pike.	ABRAHAM A. DAME.
Solon Thornton.	SAMUEL MILLARD.	GEORGE TALBOT.
Wyzeman Marshall.	HENRY CHICKERING.	M. WILLIAMS.
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN.	James Kimball.	D. W. CRAFTS.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented: —

St. Andrew's.	MOUNT LEBANON.	MYSTIC.
King Cyrus.	Northampton.	Sutton.
Washington.	St. John's.	CAMBRIDGE.
Adoniram.	ORIENT.	WALTHAM.
MORNING STAR.	BERKSHIRE.	Mount Vernon.
St. Paul's.	KEYSTONE.	CORINTHIAN.
THOMAS.	PILGRIM.	Union.
	WAVERLY.	

Rev. and E. Companion Rufus S. Pope, Grand Scribe elect, and E. Companion Chas. G. Jackman, Grand Master Second Veil elect, were duly installed by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to E. Companion A. F. Chapman, the Grand Lecturer, and his assistants, for the able and satisfactory manner in which they have exhibited the work this day on the several degrees.

A petition was presented, signed by George J. Sanger, Daniel Dorchester, Fred. T. Chase, Hiram Allen, Elisha Chase, James Chadwick, Wyman E. Phettyplace, George H. Jenks, Edward F. Smith, J. Hethrington, Jr., E. W. Bardwell, Henry Boyden, Thomas D. Shumway, and Moses Buffum, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Webster, to be called Webster Royal Arch Chapter.

This petition was referred to a Committee, consisting of E. Companions Chapman, Lewis, and Upton, who subsequently submitted the following report:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition aforesaid, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A. F. CHAPMAN. BENJAMIN LEWIS. DANIEL UPTON.

E. Companions Charles A. Welch, Henry Chickering, and Peter C. Jones were appointed a Committee to correspond with King Solomon's Chapter, and notify its officers that unless they comply with the requirements of the Grand Constitution, on or before the next quarterly Convocation, their Charter will be forfeited.

A Committee was appointed consisting of E. Companions Chapman, Thornton, and Welch, to procure a new plate for Diplomas.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

#### Attest:

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence herewith present their Fourth Annual Report for the year 1866.

We have examined the Proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, viz.:—

Arkansas	November . 1865	Kentucky	October 1865
Alabama	December . 1865	Louisiana	February . 1866
Canada	August 1865	Mississippi	January 1866
Connecticut .	May 1866	New York	February . 1865
Florida	June 1866	North Carolina	June 1865
Illinois	October 1865	Rhode Island .	August . 1864-65
Indiana	May 1866	Vermont	October 1865

And the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

We have presented from the several addresses of the Grand High Priests, and from the legislative action of the several Grand Bodies, such extracts as seemed to your Committee beneficial and instructive, as to the true condition of Capitular Masonry in the several jurisdictions.

#### ARKANSAS.

The Annual Convocation of this State was holden in the city of Little Rock on the 2d of November, 1865, M.E. L. E. Barber, Grand High Priest presiding, with a representation from nine Chapters.

There was no address from the Grand High Priest, and the only business that appears to have been transacted was the election and installation of its officers.

The Committee on Returns reported upon the condition of nine out of twenty-four Chapters under this jurisdiction. From the small number of returns reported, we are unable to form an estimate of the standing of Royal Arch Masonry in Arkansas.

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Twe	nty-f	our candi	dates r	eje	ecte	ed,	and	l fi	fty	-on	e d	lim	itted.
The	name	and loca	tion of	t	wei	ıty	-for	ır	$\dot{\text{Ch}}$	apt	ers	an	d two U.D. are given

M.E. L. E. Barber was re-elected Grand High Priest, and T. D. Merrick, of Little Rock, Grand Secretary. [Since the publication of the Proceedings, the Grand Secretary, T. D. Merrick, has been removed by death, and the Grand High Priest has appointed Companion W. D. Blocher to fill the vacancy.]

#### ALABAMA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its thirtyninth Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery on the 5th of December, 1865. M.E. James B. Harrison, Grand High Priest, presiding, with a representation from thirty-three Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, in his annual address, takes occasion to speak of the sad trials which they have been called upon to pass through since their last Convocation; we should do injustice to his remarks unless we present the opening portion entire. says: -

"Another year has passed, and we are again permitted to meet within these consecrated walls in Grand Convocation, -not, however, without feelings of pleasure mingled with sorrow; with pleasure, that a kind Providence has preserved our lives amidst the many dangers we have passed through, and now permits us to grasp each other's hand with a cordiality that imparts a thrill of joy known and felt only in the heart of a true Mason; with sorrow, that many, very many, who formerly mingled with us in these occasions will meet with us no more; the hand we once grasped with such joyous greeting now lies mouldering in the dust; the eyes that sparkled with animation are now closed in death; their spirits have ascended to God.

"While we bow submissively to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and while we sympathize with friends and relatives, let us indulge the hope that our loss of companions beloved, has been their gain; that they have been admitted into, and now enjoy, the glories of the Second Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, the mysteries of which, death, as the key, alone can unlock.

"Previous to our last Convocation, the Southern portion of our jurisdiction had not felt or experienced the horrors of war in all its bearings; since which, we too have been made its victims. Wherever the army penetrated, the country was devastated; atrocities of every kind were committed; many were reduced to want; and now the crumbling walls, the isolated chimneys of our once happy dwellings are but monumental evidences of how well the work of destruction was executed. Again, after the cessation of hostilities, crops that had been just planted were abandoned, some in part, others altogether; some were left only for a time through want of labor; a large portion of these that were worked were not properly cultivated, and the yield was, therefore, very short. I speak not of these things politically, but simply to impress your minds with the present condition of our people, and the want and distress that must inevitably follow. Many of our companions and brethren have returned home after years of suffering in. the army or in prisons. They return with impaired health and broken constitutions; many of them maimed and crippled for life, utterly incapable of physical labor. They returned to find the little property upon which they depended for a support for their families and for themselves all gone - all destroyed, and such are now dependent upon the charity of friends. Again, an equally distressing picture is presented by the widows and orphans of our gallant soldiery; they have been made so by the chances of war, and are now left destitute, and without even a protector, by its cruel and destructive hand. these, doubtless, will be found many who are the widows and orphans of companions and brothers beloved. They are widows and orphans who are to find in every true-hearted Mason a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. In view of these facts, and the situation of our people, if ever there was a time when Masons should practise the beautiful tenets of our Order, as taught in our Lodges and Chapters, that time is now. Let us begin the work immediately. Let us take counsel together, and see if some means cannot be devised by which timely assistance can be rendered, and thus a large amount of privation and suffering be, if not entirely relieved, so ameliorated as to avoid a want of the necessities of bare subsistence. By a firm, persistent, and united effort on our part we can go still further, and comfortably feed, clothe.

and educate many of these wards of Masonry, to whom we stand in the relation of guardians. Under these circumstances, Companions, I deem this the most important Convocation ever held by this Grand Chapter, and recommend this whole subject to your most thoughtful consideration."

The Grand High Priest also alludes to what he fears may have had a demoralizing effect on the conduct of Royal Arch Masons, and suggests the remedy:—

"When you return home, institute the proper proceedings; no matter how influential he may be, no matter how high his social position, no matter how bright he may be considered, cut him off, purge your Chapter, remove the incubus, thereby doing and fulfilling your whole duty to the whole body of Masonry; for I assure you that such will only mar and soil the work, and cannot assist in the noble and glorious undertaking of preparing their fellow-man for a reception into the Holy of Holies. It is far better that your membership should be small and of the proper material, than to have your temple crowded with rubbish."

Allusion is made to the meeting of the General Grand Royal 'Arch Chapter of the United States at Columbus, and of the action of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in 1860, when it was resolved with great unanimity to dissolve their connection with the General Grand Chapter, and he then says:—

"I will make no suggestions as to the reasons which prompted the course, but submit the subject for your consideration, with the remark, that as Masons we should contribute every thing in our power to allay and soothe every unpleasant feeling which may be ever thought to exist masonically between the North and the South. Although we may have suffered as Masons, let there be no criminations or recriminations; let us pour oil upon the troubled waters; let us obliterate the past, and act only as become Masons. Masonry knows no North, no South, no East, no West."

Charters and Dispensations were granted to six new Chapters. The Grand Secretary reports:—

"That Capitular Masonry seems to be reviving within our jurisdiction, and that the zeal of the Companions is urging them to labors more devotedly beneath the Royal Arch. We are now directing our cause from a new point, and within a few years we may hope to come up to our former standard of prosperity."

The Grand Secretary, as the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his Report reviewing the proceedings of seven Grand Chapters, all that he had received. He alludes with much feeling to some remarks in some of the proceedings which have reached him, but, as we trust "that old things have passed away," let it be the endeavor of every true Companion to labor for the spread of that true Masonic Charity "that thinketh no evil."

In closing his Report the Committee remarks: -

"In the proceedings which have been reviewed, a great deal is said about the principles of the Order, their general tendency; the good and tender and kind and brotherly and forbearing and patient spirit which they are calculated to produce among the votaries of Masonry. How far they have had this effect among our Companions outside of the late Confederacy we are not now in a situation to judge. We have not seen their proceedings for the last four years, and, therefore, we do not know what they have said about us, or what they have done in regard to us, or in what light they consider the Masons in the seceded States.

"We know that many individual instances have occurred on the battle-field, where the gory streams ran free and far, - where the deep cannon rivalled the dread artillery of Heaven, - and in the dreary prison, where the luckless soldier pined in hunger and nakedness, - and under the cruelties of unfeeling wretches, who scarce deserved the name of men, and who were of nearer kin to the brutes than to humanity, in which the principles of our Order have actuated and controlled their professors; where the naked have been clothed, the hungry and famishing relieved, the pining and disconsolate cheered; where the heart-broken has had the oil of gladness poured into his bosom, and, perhaps, even life itself has occasionally been spared when it might lawfully have been taken. But whether these principles have actuated the Masons of the other States as bodies, whether they have had any controlling influence over them as legislators for Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, and Grand Encampments, that is the question, and that question we are not now in a condition to decide. We must wait, then, until we get the proceedings of the last four years of these bodies before we can determine their animus toward their brethren of the South. We must know what their Grand High Priests have said about us in their annual addresses; what resolutions they have passed; and how they have talked about us in their reports on Foreign Correspondence. These are the touchstones by which they must be tried, the criteria by which they must be judged, the fires through which they must pass.

And if they come out of them unscathed, with their garments whole, and no scent of the flames upon their robes, then are they Masons indeed; then are they brothers of the heart; then may we take them to our bosoms with perfect joy, and full confidence in their masonic uprightness and integrity. But if they cannot stand this ordeal, if they cannot pass over these red-hot ploughshares with unburnt feet, if they cannot plunge their bared arms into this hissing and seething caldron and draw them forth again whole and sound as before, then it is useless and absurd to talk about fraternal ties and brotherly love among Northern Masons; the jewels they wore about their necks are but brilliant and unmeaning gewgaws, and the sooner they are cast out and buried among the rubbish of the temple, never again to be exhumed by the workmen from among the ruins, and brought up as discoveries fit for inspection, the better for the fraternity everywhere, and especially in Southern jurisdictions."

The following resolutions were adopted: -

- "Resolved, That this Grand Chapter heartily reciprocates the expressions of brotherly love and kindness set forth in the proceedings of various Grand Chapters North, as we learn from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
- "Resolved, That it is the sincere desire of this Grand Body to cultivate the feelings of brotherly love and charity towards our Companions wherever dispersed."

The chief business of the Convocation was confined to local matters relating principally to the reorganizing and reviving of Chapters that have been lifeless during the last four years.

M.E. James B. Harrison was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Daniel Sayre Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters					61
••		Members					2,083

#### CANADA.

The eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was held in the town of Prescott on Tuesday, the 8th of August, 1865. The M.E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., presiding.

Seventeen out of twenty-two Chapters belonging to this jurisdiction were represented.

The address of the M.E. Z. was confined to a report of his doings for the past year; he congratulates the Grand Chapter that the "Subordinate Chapters are prospering and working in harmony."

The Committee on the revision of the Grand Constitution made their report, which, after mature consideration, was adopted, and is presented with the transactions of the Annual Convocation.

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts also speak in the most encouraging manner of the prosperity of the Chapters under their immediate supervision.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. James Seymour, presents a review of sixteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, and we avail ourselves of his labors to present a portion of a very interesting communication made to the Grand Chapter of Scotland by the Grand Chapter of England upon a proposition made by the former for an interchange of representatives.

The English Grand Body thus explains why the proposal cannot be complied with ! —

"That as regards an interchange of representatives, this Grand Chapter desires to explain, that in England the Holy Royal Arch is considered as supplemental to, and forming the completion of the Master Mason's Degree, and consequently all interchange of representatives between the supreme masonic authority in England and the other countries has been and is confined to the Grand Lodge; and this Grand Chapter, having no representative at or from any other Grand Chapter, is of opinion that it would be undesirable at present to depart from its usual practice."

A lengthy Committee Report is given "with reference to the status and position of the degree of Mark Masters of England and Wales, especially with its working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Possessions of the British Crown." This Report arises from the application of the so-called Grand Lodge of Mark Masters for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Scotland as the head of the Order in England, though it is ignored by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of that country. After narrating a variety of historical facts, connected with the working of the Mark Degree in Symbolic Lodges from time immemorial down to 1856, when the Grand Mark Lodge was formed, the Report states that the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Scotland appointed joint committees to place the degree on a proper footing, which they did in a series of resolutions, still in force, as follows: -

- "1. That all Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work the Mark Degree, in virtue of the charters they already possess.
- "2. That to prevent confusion with brethren belonging to Lodges out of this Kingdom, or with sister Grand Lodges, this degree, although held to be a second part of the F. C. Degree, shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it, either from a Lodge or Chapter entitled to grant it.
- "3. That the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Scotland shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the degree, being that now adjusted by their respective committees.
- "4. That any candidate applying for the Royal Arch Degree, if he has received the Mark in a regular Lodge, shall not be required to take it a second time from the Chapter in which he seeks admission; but if he has not received it, he shall be obliged to take it from a Chapter.
- "5. That in the Royal Arch Degrees, the Mark shall be reckoned as the fourth degree in Masonry.
- "6. That nothing in these regulations shall interfere with the superintendence of Mark Masonry out of Scotland, claimed by the Grand Chapter, or with Lodges holding of it in England or abroad."

The Report further states: -

"That the Mark Degree, whether viewed separately or as a part of

the F. C. Degree, is now recognized and worked in Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and all the Grand Lodges and Chapters of the United States,—England being the only country in which the English is spoken where the Degree is not recognized either by Grand Lodges or Chapters."

The position assumed by England in relation to this Degree is thus set forth:—

"In England, the working of the Mark Degree has been more or less in abeyance, its estimation varying according to circumstances. In the Colonies, much difficulty has arisen from the establishment of Lodges under different jurisdictions, some recognizing the Degree, and others ignoring it. To remedy this state of things, and to restore the Degree to its rightful position in the masonic system, an attempt was made to obtain its recognition by the Grand Lodge of England; and a joint committee of members of that Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter was appointed to investigate and report upon the subject. They reported the Mark Degree as in their opinion not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the F. C. Degree; which report was approved by the M.W.G.M., and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge in March, 1856. At the ensuing Quarterly Meeting, that portion of the previous minutes referring to the Mark Degree, on special motion, was non-confirmed, and the status in quo ante was resumed.

"In this position of affairs the committee did not feel justified in recommending the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge, or the recall of the Mark Warrants issued by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, but they urged that steps be taken to secure the concurrence of the Grand Chapter and Lodge of England in placing the Mark Degree upon the same footing as it is in Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and America. Should the Grand Bodies of England agree to this, the committee express their willingness to annul the Mark Warrants issued by their Grand Chapter, which would in effect remove the recall for the so-called Grand Mark Lodge."

The Report was adopted, and a memorial prepared, as suggested, to the Grand Chapter and Lodge of England,—

"Hoping that some arrangement may be made which will have the effect of bringing about a similarity of working in the two jurisdictions, which, from their close proximity, is much to be desired; and that, in this way the proper place may be assigned to the Mark Degree in the Degrees of Masonry."

Copies of this memorial are also to be sent to the Grand Chapters and Lodges of Ireland and Canada, and to all Scotch Mark Lodges.

We have devoted more space to these communications, because it seems to settle an historical fact in relation to the true status of Royal Arch Masonry upon its first introduction and establishment in this country, that these degrees were then legitimately worked under the "blue" Lodge Charters of St. Andrew's, in Boston, in 1769, and St. John's No. 3, in Philadelphia, in 1758.

The American system of work and organization having been so generally adopted, it may be hoped that all causes of difference between the several jurisdictions may be removed, so that the most perfect equality may exist between all Royal Arch Masons, wherever convened.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in closing their Report, give a well-timed caution, saying: —

"Let our rulers and Companions never forget that Masonry, unlike the many ephemeral organisms which have briefly existed and then perished, needs not the same doctoring and manipulation; that it has withstood the shock of ages, and the ruthless persecutions of bigotry and fanaticism; and that, as our venerated forefathers handed it down to us in purity and perfection, so should we jealously guard it from empirical innovation, and transmit it to the latest posterity in all its pristine grandeur."

M.E. Companion T. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z.; and Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Scribe.

Number of Chapters not given. Returns were made from fifteen Chapters, with a membership of eight hundred and forty-six.

## CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut was holden in the city of New Haven, on the eighth day of May, 1866. M.E. Luke A. Lockwood, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The M.E. Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address, being a Report of his official acts and observations for the past year.

From this Address we learn that three Dispensations were granted for Chapters during the past year.

He also reports: -

"That peace and harmony prevail throughout our Chapters, and that never has so great an interest been manifested in Capitular Masonry as now exists. It may also be gratifying to you to know that the work of this Grand Chapter is eagerly sought after by enlightened and skilful workmen throughout the United States; that it is adopted by the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, and that it is performed by one or more Chapters in nearly all the Northern States."

We commend to particular notice the views expressed by the Grand High Priest in relation to the duties of the members of the Grand Council, and to the practical application of his views. He remarks:—

"Immediately after the close of our last Annual Convocation, believing that the officers of this Grand Body should not be mere useless recipients of honorable titles, but should meet with the officers and members of Subordinate Chapters for their instruction and encouragement, I apportioned and assigned the Chapters to the R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, E. Grand King, and E. Grand Scribe for visitation, They have been zealous and untiring in the discharge of this important duty, as will appear by their Reports herewith transmitted. The present flourishing condition and bright prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in this State are due principally to their faithful and energetic efforts."

We quote the views of the Grand High Priest on the "uniformity of work." He remarks:—

"We hear much about uniformity of work, and efforts have been made in many Grand Bodies to legislate particular rituals upon subordinates. All edicts are important to effect the object proposed. Masons will not do work which they do not love. The sword never yet changed belief or created affection. True, uniformity is very desirable; but this consists not so much in uniformity of language,—the mere vehicle of ideas,—as in uniformity of symbolism, of doctrine, and of principles. Do we not too often quibble about words and forget teachings, grasp at forms and neglect substance, and sometimes destroy charity, the greatest of all virtues, in stickling for mere words? Of course there are essentials, which are landmarks, and which must be

preserved in all languages and among all Masons, to secure the universality, nay more, the existence of Masonry. Yet there are many non-essentials, which are the mere stagings for the erection of the Royal Arch, and form no part whatever of the beautiful support. Now some latitude in the use of this scaffolding must be permitted, so long as the Arch is constructed agreeably to the design laid down upon the trestle-board, and all attempts to restrict this discretion of masonic instructors only tend to cramp the intellect, and draw the attention to words instead of ideas. Show a zealous and intelligent Mason 'good work,' becoming to the dignity, and elevating the standard of manhood, - 'true work,' consistent with tradition and history, - and 'square work,' agreeing with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, and the whole system of its sublime symbolism, and you will need no edict to compel him to perform it; his judgment will approve it, and his affections will cluster around it. Let me not be misunderstood. essential landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry must be preserved, and this Grand Body is their lawful, authorized, and competent conservator within this jurisdiction.

"Excessive legislation is a common and growing evil of the age, It has entered Masonic Grand Bodies; it is full time our attention should be directed to the crying evil. The ancient landmarks are the axiomatic, fundamental principles of our jurisprudence. plain and concise, easily comprehended, and readily applied. cover, also, the whole essential ground of Masonry, and a thorough knowledge of them, and a fair acquaintance with the design of our institution, are sure guides to the solution of almost, if not all questions which may arise. Laws should be few, easily understood, and brought home to the knowledge of all their subjects. I fear the legal maxim, 'Ignorance of the law excuses no one,' however expedient it may be in civil governments, is hardly applicable to Masonry of the present day. Each session seems to strive to invent new laws and regulations, unmindful or ignorant of what the law really is; and thus we have rules and edicts innumerable scattered over pages of proceedings, and often entirely inconsistent with themselves and with each other, so that he who reads the most of them will know the least of Masonic Jurisprudence. Let there be as little legislation over subordinates as is compatible with general good order, and leave to them the management of the rest, so long as they violate no ancient landmark. The officers and members of the subordinates will not be found wanting. Common sense, good judgment, charitable dispositions, and love for our ancient Order, are not the exclusive prerogatives of Grand Officers or Grand Bodies, but the common inheritance of all good and true Masons."

The Reports of the members of the Grand Council accompanies the Report of the Grand High Priest, and from them we learn that every Chapter under this jurisdiction has been visited, and their work inspected by the Grand Officers. This division of labor in the visiting of Chapters is the true way to insure a successful performance of this too often omitted duty; the influence growing out of these visits are often the means of awakening sluggish Chapters to a new sense of duty, and of correcting errors which will creep into the work of Bodies that have not the means of correcting it themselves from the want of a true standard of instruction.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Annual Report reviewing the proceedings of nine Grand Chapters; we notice that no Report has been received from any Chapter in New England, — either proving that the mails are not very reliable, or our Grand Secretaries are very forgetful. In our own case, Massachusetts' Reports were mailed by the Grand Secretary, as well as ourselves, yet none appear to have been received. Most of the Reports received are on our files.

M.E. Luke A. Lockwood was re-elected Grand High Priest; and John W. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters							25
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### FLORIDA.

The M.E. Grand Chapter of the State of Florida convened at the Masonic Hall in the city of Tallahasse on the 8th of January, 1866. M.E. David Jones, Grand High Priest, presiding, and a due representation of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, from which we make a single extract:—

"In looking back over the past, we see much to lament; but let us with hopeful hearts look forward to the future, trusting that the new year may bring peace to the wounded heart, and happiness to the now desolate home. Many of our Worthy Brothers and Companions have

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been swept away by the violent and ruthless hand of war, while others have been removed from among us by the hand of disease since last we met. Among the number who have gone to receive the welcome plaudit of our Supreme Grand High Priest in heaven, is our much loved Companion Hon. William A. Forward, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

"In the death of Companion Forward, we have lost one of our brightest and most useful members. Let us imitate his masonic virtues and Christian example, and so perform our work on earth as to meet him again in that Temple above, where our bonds of fraternal affection can never more be disturbed.

"Companions, I congratulate you on the return of peace to our once happy and prosperous country. May its blessings and influences soon be felt and seen to pervade every department of our Order."

The business transacted was confined to their own local matters, nothing of interest to those outside of their jurisdiction.

A very interesting Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters and three Grand Councils of R. and S. Masters was presented. We present the remarks of the Committee upon the question, "Whether it is masonic to confer the Chapter Degrees upon a maimed Mason." This question we have discussed in our former Reports, but as the views of the Committee are so clear and as this question is one of importance we present it again.

The Committee say: -

"But our sympathies should not control our judgment. It is deplorable to witness the prevailing desire among Masons to break down the most clearly defined and distinctly pointed landmarks of our ancient and time-honored institution, and which distinguishes us from all other associations. But I regard this not as a question with which the Royal Arch Chapter has any thing to do; indeed it is a question solely con-"Only candidates may know that no fined to the E. A. Degree. Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect about his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow Craft" in due time, that so when otherwise qualified he may arrive to the honor of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

"I have observed that some writers on Masonic Law deny that the E. A. has a right to the subsequent Degrees. I contend that he has not only the right, but that it is his duty to take them, if he has merit, and is otherwise qualified and able to receive them; that he may travel and work and earn wages. But as a candidate cannot be made a Mason by proxy, he must be worthy and well qualified in his own person to receive and perform all the rites and ceremonies pertaining to the degree, and to communicate them. And as there can be no general rule laid down on the subject, each individual case must depend upon its own merits. Every Royal Arch Mason must know that a man deprived of a leg or an arm cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason. We have the law, let us abide by it.

"The Report of the Committee of Jurisprudence of Indiana we regard as conclusive on this much agitated question."

M.E. David Jones was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E. Hugh A. Corley re-elected Grand Secretary.

Whole	number	of Chap	ters						15
Eight (	Chapters	return -	– Me	mbe	ers				396
,,	,,	,,	Exa	lta	tior	įs	,		58
Seven	Chapter	make n	o ret	urns	3.				

## ILLINOIS.

The sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois convened at Masonic Hall in the city of Springfield, on the sixth day of October, A.I. 2395. M.E. Wiley M. Egan, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Fifty-five Chapters were represented at the opening of the Grand Chapter.

The Address of the Grand High Priest was confined to a retrospect of his official doings for the past year. In informing the Grand Chapter of the death of several of the Past Officers, he remarks:—

"That there are some vacant places,—some familiar faces, who were with us not many years ago, and who were with us in spirit at our last Annual Convocation, are not here to-day. They have gone out from among us to return no more forever. Death, the grand messenger

who respects not age, time, or place or position, has summoned them to the Sanctum Sanctorum above.

- "M.E. W. B. Warren, Past Grand High Priest, and the first Grand High Priest of this Commonwealth, departed from his labors in this life at Jacksonville, to his rest in the Grand Chapter on high, on the twelfth day of April, 1865.
- "M.E. W. W. Mitchell, Past Grand High Priest, departed this life at Chicago, on the eighth day of April, at the age of forty-one years, four months, eleven days.
- "E. James L. Anderson, Past Grand Secretary, died at his residence in Rushville, Aug. 13, 1865, aged fifty-four years."

The following resolutions were adopted: -

"Resolved, That a special Committee of three be appointed, with instructions to prepare an appropriate burial-service for the use of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and report the same to the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter."

In Massachusetts we hold that the service at the burial of a brother (no matter what his position in Masonry) should be under the direction of a Master Mason's Lodge; this is in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks, as we understand them. At the grave we should all stand upon the same level, avoiding all distinctions inconsistent with the spirit of Masonry.

- "Resolved, That the Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to M.E. Albert G. Mackey, of South Carolina, Past Grand High Priest, in consideration of his faithfulness to his masonic obligations, his contributions, personal attention, medical services, and cordial sympathy in behalf of sick, wounded, and destitute Masons from Illinois and from all other parts of our National Union, while prisoners at Charleston, and beyond the reach of their brethren, relatives, and friends.
- "Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to our M.E. Companion for his self-sacrifices and devotion to the cause of humanity, mercy, and Masonry."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very full Report, reviewing in a true masonic spirit the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, our own included. We should like to make some extracts, but our limits will not permit.

The M.E. Loyal E. Munn was elected Grand High Priest; and E. Harman G. Reynolds re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters 71 with 3,077 members
,, ,, ,, U.D. 17 ,, 300 ,,
,, Exaltations . . . 916

#### INDIANA.

The Annual Communication of this State convened in the city of Indianapolis, on the twenty-third day of May, 1866. M.E. Thomas Pattison, Grand High Priest, presiding.

A constitutional number of Chapters being duly represented, the Grand Chapter opened for the dispatch of business.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that he has granted Dispensations for seven new Chapters, all of which have been organized. He further reports:—

"That Royal Arch Masonry was never more popular, nor in a more prosperous condition in this State than at the present time."

No business of general interest to the Royal Craft outside of this jurisdiction was transacted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the M.E. Grand High Priest, presented his Report, noting the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, one not having been received. The Committee say:—

"That it affords them great pleasure to be able to report that our beloved Order is in the most flourishing condition, excepting where broken up and scattered by the late lamentable war; even here our old Companions are coming together, clearing off the rubbish, and vigorously preparing to rebuild the glorious old structure.

"May the time soon come when we shall renew all our former fraternal and cordial relations, which marked our intercourse in days gone by."

We are indebted to Companion Pattison for the following notice of a regulation in relation to the Degree of Past Master adopted by the Grand Chapter of California:—

- "The Degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates who have previously had the Degree conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.
- "We hold that if the brother has presided over a Lodge, and has been legally installed, that is all that should be required. This was the Ancient requirement, and the less legislation we have upon this Degree the better."

A Select Committee was appointed to take into consideration the connection of the Grand Chapter of Indiana with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, reported against a longer connection with that Body, thinking that if the amendments now proposed are adopted by the General Grand Chapter, the utility and usefulness of State Grand Chapters will be superseded and destroyed. And they say:—

- "In view of these things, and in order to save expense and keep the government of the Craft as near the membership as possible, your Committee would offer for adoption the following resolution:—
- "Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana will take no further part in the proceedings and deliberations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and whatever connection, either real or supposed, which we as a Grand Chapter may have with that General Grand Body be, and the same is, hereby dissolved."
- M.E. Thomas Newby, of Cambridge City, was elected Grand High Priest; and E. Companion William Harker, of Shelbyville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Numbe	r of	Chapters										51	
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**	,,	Members	repo	rte	d							1,923	
Increas	e th	e last yea	r.									290	
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bers	of (	rand Cha	pter,	(t	WO	day	78,)	ab	out				<b>\$950</b>

## KENTUCKY.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky was held at Louisville, on the eleventh day of October, 1865. The M.E. William E. Robinson, Grand High Priest, presiding, with a representation from forty-nine Chapters.

The Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter, referring to the duties devolving upon them as Royal Arch Masons:—

"To aid in the great work of reconciliation, and that they should extend the hand of fraternal love and affection to all that desire to discharge their masonic duties without any other inquiry than, 'are they worthy and well qualified?' Then shall we have peace and harmony throughout our borders."

In speaking of the great prosperity that has attended their labors during the past year, he gives them a timely caution, saying:—

"Yet in this hour of prosperity we should not forget to guard well the Outer Courts, and, in the language of a distinguished Companion, not permit our fervency and zeal to outrun our prudence. We should be careful to select the best material, not collect the greatest amount; and emulation should point to the enterprise of work well done, rather than to a great deal of work."

Eight Chapters having failed to make returns for the last five years, their charters were revoked, and Dispensations were granted for five new Chapters.

The	Funds of	the	Grand Chap	te	r a	mo	unt	to		\$8,134.27
· Who	ole number	r of	Chapters						. 71	
,,	,,	,,	Members .	•					2,053	
.,	••	,,	Exaltations						543	

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a condensed Report, noting the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

M.E. Companion Harvey Hudson, of Louisville, was elected Grand High Priest; and E. Companion Phillip Swigert re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA.

The nineteenth Annual Convocation of this State was holden in the city of New Orleans, on the thirteenth day of February, 1866. M.E. Henry R. Swasey, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Eight Chapters were reported as being represented at the opening of the Grand Chapter.

The M.E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, saying: —

"After the lapse of several years, we are again permitted to assemble from all of the different sections of our loved Louisiana, on this our Annual Communication Day, and through the mercies of T. G. A. O. T. U., we are allowed again to sit together within the veils of our sanctuary in Grand Council, to renew our care over the many interests of Capitular Masonry, to interchange once more our kindly congratulations, and reciprocate those fraternal feelings which we as Royal Arch Masons so well know how to enjoy; and allow me, Companions, on this occasion, to join with you in offering up our devotions around our sacred altar, and unite in humble submission and grateful tranksgiving to the Supreme High Priest of our salvation, for his care and protection, for the many mercies vouchsafed us during the terrible trials we have been called upon to endure. Let us take to ourselves the consolations of His Divine Word, and the teachings of our Holy Order; remembering 'that he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.' Let us endeavor so to conduct the deliberations of this Grand Body, that it may be remembered, and referred to as an example for the conduct of its constituents and members. Let us so act that we shall not with shame hereafter look back in the mirror of the past. Let us discard all party or sectional spirit. There can be in this holy place but one party, the self-sacrificing, enthusiastic Mason, who regards the prosperity of the Order paramount to all personal and selfish considerations; and I conjure you, Companions, to watch and guard against party zeal and party spirit. It is good to be zealous in the holy cause of Charity, but there is a party zeal which is fatal to the prosperity of our institution. Its results are but too often seen in the self-conceit and arrogance it assumes in those uncharitable judgments and reckless censure it bestows on all those who dissent from its views, and will not pander to its ambition, or assist in accomplishing its designs."

He also speaks of the large amount of work done during the war, and expresses his fears that much of it was not done with that care and deliberation necessary for a proper understanding of our Ritual. He says:—

"In many, if not in a majority of cases, candidates are hurried so rapidly from one to another of the different apartments of our Mystic Temple, that they have neither time nor opportunity to prove their proficiency. Companions, this should not be. The candidate should be compelled to study, and, so far as in his capacity lies, to understand and appreciate one Degree before another is conferred. It is a wise saying, 'That what a man knows little of he cares less for;' and so with the initiate, the less instruction he receives the less he cares about studying and appreciating the beautiful moral precepts inculcated by our divine institution; and we think it would be well for this Grand Chapter to take council and inquire into the expediency of passing a regulation requiring its constituents, before conferring a Degree, to exact from the candidate an examination in the previous Degree.

"We fear the same evil exists in many a jurisdiction beside Louisiana. Our own must come in for its share of censure. With the great amount of work performed the last few years, it is impossible but there must have been many a craftsman whose work should never have passed the overseers' square, but should have been rejected, until by diligent application he might present work fit for the Master's use. We shall hail the day when our Grand Bodies will limit the amount of work to be done in any one year; then shall we be enabled to have our members Masons in understanding as well as in name."

The Grand Chapter donated to five of their subordinates the sum of \$2,413, being the amount received in confederate currency for degrees and dues, which amount was due to the Grand Chapter.

Dispensations were granted for three Chapters. One each in the Parish of Bienville, Jackson, and Claiborne.

The Committee on Appeals reported, that -

"Peace and harmony prevail among all of the Chapters that we have been able to hear from; and our confidence in Divine protection gives us hope that it is so throughout the State."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence received the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Bodies, and report:—

- "That they have been so steadily employed, since their attention has been called to the necessity of presenting a Report, that they can only present a list of the proceedings received, without attempting to give even a tithe of the interesting matters contained therein."
- M.E. Henry Regenburg was elected Grand High Priest, E. Samuel M. Todd re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number	r of Chapt	ers				19
,,	,, ,,	U.D.				4
Thirtee	n Chapter	s Report				1,221 Members.
,,	,,	,,				479 Exaltations.
••						69 Deaths.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was holden in the city of Jackson, on the eighteenth and nineteenth days of January, 1866. M.E. William D. Ferris, Grand Scribe, presiding in the absence of Grand High Priest and Grand King.

The Address of the Grand High Priest was read, from which we learn that he has granted Dispensations for two new Chapters. He also reports that the finances of the Grand Chapter are in a deplorable condition, and the subordinate Chapters are suffering from the like cause. Most of the funds received for degrees and dues were in Confederate currency, hence their impoverishment.

He calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to the present imperfect system of instruction, and recommends the appointment of one Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit every Chapter in the State, and whose services shall be paid by the Grand Chapter, fixing a suitable salary, which shall be raised by a tax upon all of its subordinates.

In closing, he remarks: -

"The terrible war just closed has left the land full of widows and orphans. Those to whom they formerly looked for support now sleep in their bloody graves, and the eyes of their surviving loved ones are longingly turned to you. Shall they look in vain? I know they will not. To see that they are fed, clothed, and educated, you will esteem

your duty, as well as your inestimable privilege. I urge you, Companions, and through you the Subordinate Chapters, to the discharge of this Godlike mission; by the remembrance of that munificence of our noble Order, which has so often contributed to the relief of the hungry, the naked, and the homeless; by that *Charity* which forms the brighest jewel in our Order's diadem; lastly, by the memory of our fallen companions, whose spirits, I trust, have ascended that 'mystic ladder' which leadeth to the Chapter above, I conjure you to take care of their widows and orphans."

Resolutions were passed relieving the subordinates from the payment of dues to the Grand Chapter for degrees where the same had been received in "confederate money," and also relieving Chapters from the payments of dues for the years 1863 and 1864.

The following special order from the Grand High Priest accompanies the proceedings of this State:—

"It having come to my knowledge that some subordinate Chapters are in the habit of receiving and acting upon the application of non-affiliated Master Masons for the Chapter Degrees, I would hereby apprise you that such action is unmasonic, and is hereby strictly forbidden.

WILLIAM S. PATTON,

" Grand High Priest."

M.E. William S. Patton was elected Grand High Priest; and R. E. Oscar T. Keeler re-elected Grand Secretary.

Whole number of Chapters as reported			•	70
Thirty-six Chapters report Members .			÷	879
,, ,, Exaltations				460
Thirty-one ,, make no returns				
Three ,, (U.D.) ,, ,, ,,				
Seven Chapters reported as having forfe	ited	l <b>t</b> b	eir	Charters.

#### NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the city of Albany, on the sixth day of February, 1866, holding a session of three days.

M.E. Horace S. Taylor, Grand High Priest, presiding, with most of the Grand Officers in attendance, with a full representation from most of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the unexampled prosperity that has attended their labors during the past year, and says,—

"Great as has been the addition to our numbers in former years, I believe that the returns from subordinate Chapters will show that the number of exaltations was never so large. It may be thought there is danger in this large accession to our numbers. But it should be remembered, that before uniting with us, our candidates are obliged to pass through another body, where there is an opportunity of becoming thoroughly acquainted with their characters, and that only those who have proved themselves worthy are likely to be admitted. But there is still danger that improper persons may be received, and great caution should be used to prevent it. Do not hesitate to use the power which the ballot gives, for the admission of one member who is governed by selfish or unworthy principles may destroy the harmony and usefulness of a Chapter."

The Standing Committee on Accounts submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the funds of the Grand Chapter to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund."

The Committee on Warrants reported favorably on the applications of the several petitioners for nine new Chapters, and they were granted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that any Companion in good standing in a Chapter may be elected High Priest.

"Resolved, That a Chapter has no power to delegate the power of suspension, for non-payment of dues to the High Priest."

M.E. Sewall T. Fiske, Grand Lecturer, presented an interesting Report, replete with sound and judicious advice and suggestions, upon the importance of paying more attention to the proper instruction of our members in the beautiful ritual of the Chapter Degrees.

Our limits will allow us to make but a single extract: -

"For a few years past, my method of conferring the Past Master's Degree has restored it back to its legitimate use and design, and all objections hitherto wofully apparent from sad innovations have entirely ceased, much, very much, to the relief of all intelligent and well-disposed Companions; and in this connection, let me say that a portion of the Royal Arch Ritual has for some time past been with me a subject of serious reflection. I allude to the present manner of representing the return of our ancient brethren from the captivity. Could it not be exemplified with more impressiveness and with less liability to objections, if done like unto the middle-chamber work of the F. C. Degree? There is an appropriate and brief description which can be used by the P. S., which, to a listening ear, would I am sure be far more impressive, and certainly more instructive to the novitiate, than if that other of the human senses, feeling, was alone appealed to.

"In conclusion let me observe, that while the past few years have been of unusual prosperity to Capitular Masonry, and the promises of the future are equally brilliant, I join in the common fear of a too rapid growth. Then, Companions, guard well your portals; see that none are permitted to assemble within the Arch but those who are 'good men and true,' who will see in our Order not only a series of outward forms and ceremonies, but will be those who will apply to their hearts the morals of the interesting symbols, thus enabling them to stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, and be fitly prepared as living stones for that spiritual building,—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, and that of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

In concluding their Report, they say: -

"The several transactions are more brief, and there is much less legislation than usual.

"The various Reports on Correspondence are manly, dignified, and manifest assurance that no lingering bitterness or unkind feeling will be allowed in the cement of reunion."

M.E. Horace E. Taylor was re-elected Grand High Priest; R. E. John O. Cole, of Albany, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Numb	er of	Chapte	rs								115
		Membe									7,566
,,	,,	Exaltat	tions								1,793
Grand	Cha	pter Du	ies								\$6,855.27
Paid A	Atte	ndance	and	M	ilea	ge	at	G	ran	d	
$\mathbf{C}^{1}$	hapt	er Conv	ocati	on							\$2,493.50

## NORTH CAROLINA.

We have the proceedings of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State for the years 1863, '64, '65.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation was holden in Wilmington, on the sixth day of June, 1865. M.E. G. B. Waterhouse, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding in the absence of the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Credentials reported. Three Chapters duly represented, constituting a quorum.

The Grand Secretary being absent, the following Report from him was submitted:—

- "Owing to the distracted condition of the country, the labors of the Grand Secretary, since your last Annual Convocation, have been very limited.
- "The only proceedings received from sister Grand Chapters are those of Rhode Island, and they will be found of interest.
- "I was unable to have the proceedings of the last Convocation printed in extenso, but had a brief synopsis printed, which I distributed as widely as possible under the circumstances. I respectfully recommend that all the proceedings that have not been published be printed with those of the present Convocation.
  - "I regret exceedingly my inability to be present with you at this

time. Many of those whom we have been accustomed to meet at these annual reunions have fallen victims to a bloody war: I know they will be missed and remembered by you."

Communications were received from the officers of Concord and Union Royal Arch Chapters, stating that the charters, books, jewels, furniture, &c., of every description, had been destroyed by the Federal Army whilst in occupancy or on its march through the State.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following Report, which was adopted:—

"Your Committee beg leave to submit their Report, meagre and unsatisfactory as it necessarily must be. No communication or document of any description has been placed in their hands, except a Report from the High Priest of Union Chapter No. 17, with the mortifying statement that the entire effects of that Chapter had been destroyed by the invading army in its passage through his country, and praying for a duplicate charter, to enable them legitimately to pursue their labors. Your Committee also learn verbally from the delegates present, that most of the Chapters in the State have shared pretty much the same fate; and that while this devastation was going on, none were found with sufficient feeling to heed the cry of the Widow's Son. A similar outrage was perpetrated upon the Lodge in this place: the jewels having been abstracted, probably with the pitiful purpose of melting up. What adds most seriously to the grievance, scarcely one of our institutions has an available dollar in its treasury, and most of the members are in a similar condition; even our Grand Chapter possesses not the means to defray its ordinary expenses. Of the subordinates, scarcely one is able to cancel its dues; and, in this condition of affairs, it becomes incumbent upon the Grand Chapter to exercise towards them all the clemency in its power; and this seems absolutely necessary, even to secure its own existence.

"Cruelly have the calamities of the late unhappy hostilities fallen upon our entire community, and the Masonic Institution has shared largely in the universal distress. Under these painful circumstances, your Committee would unhesitatingly and respectfully recommend that no irregularities of the subordinates, consequent upon the above condition of affairs, be suffered to operate prejudicially to their prosperity; and that, upon proper representation to the Grand High Priest, he be authorized at his discretion to heal or reinstate the delinquent Chapters in their legitimate positions."

Companion A. Martin, in announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest Robert G. Remkin, submitted the following remarks, which, with appropriate resolutions, were ordered to be spread upon the records, and published with their proceedings:—

"In the absence of the Grand High Priest, whose province, and whose melancholy duty it should have been, I now rise for the purpose of announcing the death of our friend and Companion, Robert G. Remkin.

"Among the many noble dead of our fraternity, whose blood has dyed the battle-fields of our domain, few, if any, have higher claims to our admiration, our love, and our regrets, than he; none, I am sure, were more entirely devoted to the interests and prosperity, the principles and tenets of our Order. On almost every page of the proceedings of this Grand Body, from the time of its reorganization to its last Annual Convocation, his name will be found recorded as a leader or a prominent actor in some of the most important business of the institu-His time, his talents, and his means have been ever freely, industriously, and liberally devoted to her interests and prosperity. As Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, his talents and his masonic knowledge have been highly commended by the Masonic Grand Bodies throughout the country. As Grand High Priest of this Order in North Carolina, he was esteemed and admired by all the Chapters over which he had been chosen to preside. From his store of masonic knowledge he was ever ready to impart freely and liberally to all who sought instruction; and to him the poor and destitute never appealed in vain. In him has fallen one of our most prominent landmarks; and I feel that no Companion who knew him well will fail to cordially respond to all that I have said, and much more that I might with truth have said, in commendation of the high character, and the long, faithful, and valuable services of our deceased Companion."

M.E. G. B. Waterhouse was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E. T. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

There are thirty Chapters and three U.D. under this jurisdiction. It is feared that many of these have become dormant; of their true condition time alone can determine.

## RHODE ISLAND.

The proceedings of the Annual Convocation for 1864 and 1865, and of a Special Convocation holden on the 15th of August, 1865, were duly received, but we find but little business reported aside from the usual Annual Reports and the choice of officers.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Convocation in 1863, "On the origin and history of the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry," submitted the following Report at the Annual Convocation in 1864, which was placed on file:—

- "The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Chapter Degrees, after a careful examination of the main questions involved, and of the origin and history of said degrees, would respectfully Report:—
- "Your Committee have no doubt but that the best interests of Masonry would be promoted by the union of the Royal Arch and Master's Degrees under one organization.
- "The important practical questions involved in so great a change cannot be satisfactorily answered until after a more general expression of opinion by the various Grand Chapters, Grand Lodges, and well-informed Masons of the country. We therefore deem further action on the part of this Grand Chapter at the present time inexpedient."

At the Annual Convocation in 1865, M.E. Thomas A. Doyle, of Providence, was elected Grand High Priest; and R. E. Samuel B. Swan was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number	of	Chapters										5
,,	,,	Exaltations	in	18	65							90
,,	,,	Members										624
No Rep	ort	on Foreign	Co	rre	spo	nd	enc	e w	as	pre	se	nted.

## VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was holden at Middlebury, on the first Wednesday of October, 1865. M.E. Gamaliel Washburn, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Thirteen Chapters, being the whole number under this jurisdiction, were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates his Companions upon "the happy change in our national affairs," and upon the welcome return of peace.

He refers to the death of Companion Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Campbell, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and Companion John Poor, in the eightieth year of his age; the latter received the Royal Arch Degrees in 1817, and had filled almost every office in the Order. They were both ardent lovers of Masonry, and faithful in the discharge of their masonic duties.

He reports: --

"That the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction the past year has been steady, firm, and onward, — each Chapter moving torward in peace and harmony."

Dispensations were granted for Chapters in the town of Alburg, by the name of Hill Chapter, and in Morristown, by the name of Tucker Chapter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their review of the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included; most of these are on our files.

Leverett B. Englesby, of Burlington, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest; and E. Companion John B. Hollenbeck re-elected Grand Secretary.

The following resolutions, reported by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, were adopted.

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Vermont, now in session, does hereby tender the expression of its sincere good-will, together with an earnest and heartfelt desire for the speedy renewal and assiduous cultivation of former fraternal relations with those Grand Chapters which may still exist in the late so-called Confederate States.

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will cordially co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country by bringing in the powerful, yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry."

Number	of	Chapters		٠.							13
• ,,	,,	Members		٠.							970
		not given									,
No Rep	ort	from Chapt	ter	s u	nde	r L	)isp	ens	ati	on.	

# GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Nineteenth Triennal Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter was holden in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the eighth day of September, 1865. M.E. John L. Lewis, of New York, Deputy General Grand High Priest, presiding.

There appears to have been no business of importance transacted, with the exception of granting several charters, and the installation of officers.

The Committee on Charters reported in favor of granting charters for the following places:—

To King Cyrus Chapter at Valparaiso, South America.

,, Denver	,,	Denver City, Colorado.
,, Central City	,,	Central ,, ,,
,, Omaha	,,	Omaha, Nebraska.
,, Keystone	,,	Nebraska City, Nebraska
,, Leavenworth	,,	Leavenworth, Kansas.
., Fort Scott	,,	Fort Scott, ,,
,, Lewis	,,	Carson City, Nevada.
,, Nebraska	,,	Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

A Dispension was granted by the Deputy General Grand High Priest for a Chapter to be known as "St. John's Chapter" at Smyrna, in Turkey, with the following officers: Hyde Clark, High Priest; John B. Patterson, King; Edwin S. Toley, Scribe.

Several Amendments of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter were proposed, which lie over to 1868 for final action.

M.E. John L. Lewis, of Penn Yan, N.Y., was elected General Grand High Priest; and M.E. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, General Grand Secretary.

At this Convocation there were present twenty-two representatives and twenty-six proxies of representatives, out of about one hundred and twenty who are entitled to vote. About one-fifth of the members to whom is intrusted the legislation of the General Grand Chapter were present, showing conclusively that there is but little interest in the general objects for which the General Grand Chapter was instituted; we trust that at the next Triennial Meeting measures will be adopted, either to make it what it was intended to be, a living organization, or else abandon it altogether.

Companions,—With the conclusion of this Report we retire from the position which we have held for the last four years as the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We accepted this appointment because it was of our recommendation that such a Committee should be raised, but not with a desire, or expectation, of being appointed whilst there were so many others of larger experience and better qualified than ourselves for this position; but rather than shrink from the performance of any duty, we accepted the important trust, in order that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts might be put in communication with other Jurisdictions.

We would return to the various Committees on Foreign Correspondence of other Jurisdictions our thanks for the courtesy extended to us; and if we have, in any of our remarks, forgotten that masonic courtesy which should be rendered to those who may differ from us, we trust that they will exercise in our behalf that true Masonic Charity "which is not easily provoked nor thinketh no evil."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JAMES KIMBALL, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

# ORGANIZATIONS.

# OFFICERS

#### OF THE

# Grand Boyal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# ELECTED SEPTEMBER 11, 1866.

			•
M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS .			Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES A. WELCH .			Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT			Grand King.
E. REV. RUFUS S. POPE .			Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS			Grand Captain of the Host.
E. BENJAMIN LEWIS			Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. H. NORRIS	,		Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER .			Grand Master Third Veil.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN.			Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER			Grand Master First Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	.•		Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .			Grand Secretary.
E. REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON,			· ·
E. REV. G. L. HUNT.			Grand Chaplains.
E. REV. JOHN W. DADMUN,			
E. N. A. APOLLONIO,			Senior Grand Steward.
E. EBEN F. GAY			Junior Grand Steward.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN .			Grand Lecturer.
E. HENRY CHICKERING .			Com. on For. Correspondence.
E. JOHN McCLELLAN, )			• .
E. SOLON THORNTON,			Committee of Finance.
E. JOHN K. HALL,			
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,			
E. SAMUEL MILLARD,			Committee of Charity.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN.		•	
E. PETER C. JONES,			
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,			$\dot{T}$ rustees of the $F$ unds.
E. RICHARD BRIGGS,			•
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL .			Grand Tyler.
E. BUILLIN D. IRRIBINI .	•	٠.	arana z gior.

# PERMANENT MEMBERS

#### OF THE

# Grand Boyal Breh Chapter of Massachusetts.

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.					1798, 99, 1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng					1801, 2.
*TIMOTHY BIGELOW					1803, 4, 5.
					1806, 7, 8.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT .		•			1809.
*James Dean Hopkins					1810, 11, 12.
*Јони Аввотт .					1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney		•			1816, 17.
*James Prescott .					1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage .				. •	1820, 21, 22.
*Paul Dean		,•			1823, 24, 25.
*DANIEL LEWIS GIBBEN	8	• .			1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark .					1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske .					1832, 33.
*Edward A. Raymond					1834, 35, 36.
SIMON W. ROBINSON					1837, 38, 39.
*John B. Hammatt					1840.
*ELIJAH ATHERTON					1841, 42, 43.
THOMAS TOLMAN .					1844, 45.
CHARLES W. MOORE					1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon					1849, 50, 51.
*STEPHEN LOVELL .			•.	• .	1852, 53, 54.
DANIEL HARWOOD					1855, 56.
WENDELL THORNTON D	)AVIS				1857.
JOHN McCLELLAN .					1858.
JAMES KIMBALL .					1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton .					1862, 63, 64.
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<sup>\*</sup> Deceased.

# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng.				1799	9, fro	m April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage .						1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf						1800.
*SIMON ELIOT						1801–2.
*Benjamin Russell						303-08, 1816-20.
*Henry Fowle .						1808–14.
*James C. King .						1814–15.
						1820.
*Paul Dean			•			1821–22.
						1823-26.
*Benjamin Huntoon .						1826-29.
*Robert Lash						1829-33.
THOMAS TOLMAN .						1833, 1841-44.
GARDNER RUGGLES .						1834-37.
						1837-40.
						1840.
*ELIAS HASKELL	,					1844-45.
*RUEL BAKER						1846-47.
						1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr						1849.
*STEPHEN LOVELL						185051.
TIMOTHY INGRAHAM .					,	1852.
						1853.
Joseph Bedlow						1854.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON						1855.
WILLIAM R. ALGER .						1856.
TRACY P CHEEVER .						1857.
*ISAAC P. SEAVY						1858.
WYZEMAN MARSHALL .						1859.
Solon Thornton						1860.
RICHARD BRIGGS						1861.
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM .						1862.
JOHN K. HALL						1863.
CALEB RAND						1864.
JOHN W. DADMUN						1865.

#### PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng .							1798.
*James Harrison							1799.
*WILLIAM MCKEEN							1800.
*Charles Jackson							1801.
*Benjamin Russell .					,		1802.
*GILMAN WHITE							1803-4.
					,		1805.
					,		1806.
*Oliver Prescott							1807-8.
*WILLIAM WOART							1809-10.
*John Abbot							1811-12.
*SAMUEL L. KNAPP					,		1813-14.
*Henry Fowle							1815.
*James C. King							1816-17.
*Joseph Brown							1818.
*Robert Lash	٠.						1819.
*CALEB BUTLER							1820-23.
HENRY WHIPPLE							1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens							1824-25.
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD .							1626-29.
*Charles Train							1829-32
*EDWARD A. RAYMOND .							1832-38
*WILLIAM WHITING .							1884-85
SIMON W. ROBINSON .		٠.		,			1886.
							1837-40.
							1840.
*John R. Bradford .							1841-44.
CHARLES W. MOORE .							1844-45.
GILBERT NURSE				,			1846-47
WILLIAM EATON							1848.
*Lucien B. Keith							1849.
SAMUEL MILLARD							1850-51
JOHN FLINT							1852.
JAMES W. CROOKS	·					-	1853.
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN.							1854.
JONATHAN G. JOHNSON .						-	1855.
Wendell Thornton Da						-	1856.
WILLIAM PARKMAN .							1857.
WILLIAM H T. SWIMB			•		•		1057.

WILLIAM W. BAKER					1859.
*Sylvester Baxter					
WILLIAM S. SHURTLEF	F	•			1861.
CHARLES C. DAME.					1862.
HENRY CHICKERING					1863.
ALBERT E. FOTH .					1864.
DAVID W. CRAFTS.					1865.

# PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison .		•				•	1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf			•	*			1799.
*Charles Jackson .					•		1800.
*Benjamin Russell		•					1801.
*Stephen Howard .							1802.
*ABRAHAM PERKINS.							1803-4.
*Samuel A. Otis .							1805.
*James Dean Hopkins							1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.							1807-8.
*Thomas Jackson .							1809.
*Sumner Barstow .							1810.
*HENRY PURKETT .					•		1811.
*EDWARD TURNER .							1812.
*Andrew Sigourney							1813-14.
*NATHANIEL KNAPP, Jr.							<b>1</b> 815.
*Joseph Brown .							1816-17.
*Robert Lash .							181 <b>8.</b>
*James Morse .				•	•		1819-20.
*Rosewell Lee .							1821.
*DANIEL BAXTER .							1822.
*DANIEL LEWIS GIBBEN	ıs						1823.
*John James Loring							1824-25.
*SAMUEL CLARK .					٠.		1826-29.
*CHARLES WELLS .							1829-33.
*WILLIAM WHITING							1833.
Simon W. Robinson							1834-35.
*ELIJAH ATHERTON							1836.
*Епосн Новавт .							1837-40.
*John R. Bradford							1840.
*Robert Keith .							1841-44.
*RHET. BAKER							1844-45.

*Joel Talbot .					1846-47
*Lucien B. Keith					1848.
SAMUEL MILLARD					1849.
*HENRY EARL.					1850-51
Jonas A. Marshal	L				1852.
*Horace Chenery					1853.
JOHN McCLELLAN					1854.
ABRAHAM A. DAME					1855.
John Andrews					1856.
JOEL STALDING					1857.
JAMES KIMBALL					1858.
HENRY GODDARD					1859.
GEORGE SHERWIN					1860.
GEORGE TALBOT					1861.
Moses H. Fowler					1862.
JOHN N. PIKE					1863.
WANTON T. DREW					1864.
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# ABSTRACT

#### FROM THE

# Beturns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1866,

## WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5869.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. LYMAN B. MESTO	N				High Priest.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSI	E				King.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	N				Scribe.
CHARLES W. ROMNEY					Captain of the Host.
J. N. M. CLOUGH .				•	Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM S. HILLS					Royal Arch Captain.
FRANCIS P. BABBIT					Master Third Veil.
GEORGE E. HALL .					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES O. Fox .					Master First Veil.
John McClellan .					Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN					Secretary.
John P. Robinson					Chaplain.
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAM	MS				Senior Steward.
EDWARD A. WHITE					Junior Steward.
LUTHER L. TARBELL			•		Tyler.

#### Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 354; Candidates exalted, 32; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$153.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

#### A.L. 5790.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. John N. Pike		•			High Priest.
E. WARREN CURRIER					King.
E. WILLIAM H. JOHNSO	N				Scribe.
ENOCH G. CURRIER					Captain of the Host.
JOHN WALTON .					Principal Sojourner.
DAVID J. ADAMS .					Royal Arch Captain.
NATHAN A. MOULTON					Master Third Veil.
TRISTRAM TALBOT .			٠		Master Second Veil.
JOHN M. CARTER .					Master First Veil.
MARK SYMONS .					Treasurer.
JAMES W. CHENEY					Secretary.
O. S. BUTLER .					Chaplain.
SAMUEL NOYES .		•			Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 75; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$70.

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

## A.L. 5811.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM C. MAXWE	LL	•			High Priest.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS					King.
E. John J. Coker .					Scribe.
JOHN P. BROWNING .	•				Captain of the Host.
GEORGE W. S. ROLLINS					Principal Sojourner.
HENRY H. BLAKE					Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE TAPLEY					Master Third Veil.
SAMUEL C. WESTON .					Master Second Veil.
DANIEL H. JEWETT .					Master First Veil.
ALVA KENDALL					Treasurer.
WILLIAM ARCHER			•		Secretary.
JOHN G. A. BATCHELDER					Senior Steward.
RICHARD B. HOOD					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM L. BATCHELDER					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Present number of Members, 125; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$69.

# ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5816.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WANTON T. DRE	w				High Priest.
E. JOHN B. BAYLIES					King.
E. John A. Lee .					Scribe.
WILLIAM W. ARNOLD					Captain of the Host.
HENRY G. POMROY					Principal Sojourner.
DAVID S. SMALL .					Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM E. MASON				•	Master Third Veil.
CHARLES H. SANFORD					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES SEARELL					Master First Veil.
EDWARD STETSON .					Treasurer.
Elisha C. Leonard					Secretary.
GEORGE W. STEARNS					Chaplain.
WILLIAM A. SEARELL		•			Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 237; Candidates exalted, 36; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$114.

## MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

#### A.L. 5817.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ALBERT E. FOTH				High Priest.
E. HIRAM A. KEITH				King.
E. Moses Wingate				Scribe.
JAMES C. DRAKE .				Captain of the Host.
RICHARD H. BAILEY				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM F. BOWERS				Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES M. PORTER .				Master Third Veil.
D. B. MONTAGUE .				Master Second Veil.
LOVEL K. COLE .				Master First Veil.
THOMAS WARNER .			 . •	Treasurer.
HENRY D. MILLER .				Secretary.
Josiah Marvin .			٠.	Chaplain.
GEORGE D. ROLLINS	•		. •	Tyler.

## Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 270; Candidates exalted, 26; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$84.

# FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

#### A.L. 5817.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. E. P. GRAVES .				High Priest.
E. CHARLES PARSONS, Jr.				King.
E. WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE	· .			Scribe.
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE				Captain of the Host.
R. S. PARKER				Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE WILLEY				Royal Arch Captain.
DAVID LYON				Master Third Veil.
E. J. RICE				Master Second Veil.
E. Ruge				Master First Veil.
R. HOWLAND			٠.	Treasurer.
GEORGE H. HOVEY .		•		Secretary.
P. V. Finch				Chaplain.
JAMES ROWLEY, Jr				Senior Steward.
FRANK A. POND				Junior Steward.
Anson Mitchell				Tyler.

Regular Meetings in each month on Wednesday next after the full of the moon.

Present number of Members, 102; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30.

# ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

## A.L. 5818.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. HENRY ENDICOTT						High Priest.
E. FREDERICK A. PIER	CE					King.
E. RICHARD M. BARKE	R					Scribe.
JAMES A. FOX .						Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL W. GREENE						Principal Sojourner.
Charles G. Jackman						Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES F. WYMAN						Master Third Veil.
HENRY WARREN .						Master Second Veil.
HENRY A. BARRY .						Master First Veil.
JOHN K. HALL .			•			Treasurer.
T. H. Emmons .	:	• .				Secretary.
ELISHA POTE						Senior Steward.
WILLIAM SAWYER .						Junior Steward.
LUTHER L. TARBELL				•		Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 345; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

# MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A.L. 5820.

No returns.

Regular Meetings, Friday preceding full moon.

# THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

#### A.L. 5821.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES S. 1	Litci	Ŧ				High Priest.
E. E. DANA BANCE	OFT					King.
E. JOHN BURNEY				• .		Scribe.
Jonas A. Marshai	L					Captain of the Host.
JOSEPH E. MANNIN	G					Principal Sojourner.
WARREN C. UPTON						Royal Arch Captain.
FRANCIS SHELDON					• .	Master Third Veil.
JOSEPH A. TUFTS						Master Second Veil.
SULLIVAN W. HUN	TLEY	•				Master First Veil.
Arnold Wilson			.'			Treasurer.
HENRY ALLISON				٤		Secretary.
DAVID C. BRICK						Chaplain.
H. F. COGSHALL						Senior Steward.
E. J. CROSSMAN						· Junior Steward.
JOSEPH PIERCE						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon in each month,

July excepted.

Present number of Members, 72; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

## WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

#### A.L. 5823.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. THOMAS E. St. Jo	HN				High Priest.
E. CHARLES G. REED		•			King.
E. FRANK H. RICE					Scribe.
John Dean					Captain of the Host.
DANIEL W. BEMIS					Principal Sojourner.
Joseph B. Lawrence					Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL SEAGRAVE.					Master Third Veil.
JONATHAN E. CHASE					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES H. FITCH					Master First Veil.
ASA WALKER					Treasurer.
CLARENDON WHEELOCK					Secretary.
SAMUEL KELLEY .					Chaplain.
Nelson Cowen .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 152; Candidates exalted, 42; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$99.

# MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

#### A.L. 5824.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. HENRY C. SKINNE	R	•	•	•		High Priest.
E. ISAIAH R. SPALDING			•			King.
E. H. H. Bowers .						Scribe.
GEORGE E. STACY.						Captain of the Host.
John S. Cox						Principal Sojourner.
J. HARDING SMITH						Royal Arch Captain.
EZRA F. HOLBROOK						Master Third Veil.
LEONARD FAIRBANKS		:				Master Second Veil.
JONATHAN C. BRADFORD	•					Master First Veil.
LEONARD HUNT .						Treasurer.
HARRI T. BRADISH						Secretary.
LEONARD WAKEFIELD						Chaplain.
EDWARD WOODS .						Senior Steward.
LINVILLE S. PIKE .		•.				Junior Steward.
JOHN M. WOOD .	•					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 101; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30.

# NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

#### A.L. 5825.

### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM C. ROBIN	ISON						High Priest.
E. ROBERT R. MAYERS .							King.
E. CHRISTOPHER CLARKI	E			•			Scribe.
GEORGE F. WRIGHT .							Captain of the Host.
JOSIAH H. PRINDLE .							Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS .							Royal Arch Captain.
IRA H. STEPHENS						•	Master Third Veil.
OSMON O. ROBERTS .							Master Second Veil.
CYRUS J. EMERSON .							Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright							Treasurer.
A. Perry Peck							Secretary.
WILLIAM T. CLEMENT .						•	Chaplain.
George S. Phelps .		•	•	•	•		Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 85; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

# CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

# A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Jonathan G	REEN	WOO	D			High Priest.
E. SAMUEL HASTIN	1GS					King.
E. J. C. KING						Scribe.
N. Winch .						Captain of the Host.
B. Morse .						Principal Sojourner.
J. S. Downes						Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN BLAIR .						Master Third Veil.
L. Newton .						Master Second Veil.
W. H. SEAVER						Master First Veil.
ADAM HEMENWAY						Treasurer.
C. J. FROST .						Secretary.
H. C. BURNHAM						Senior Steward.
WILLIAM M. MASO	N					Junior Steward.
FREDERICK COE						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 36; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. HIRAM N. HALL				High Priest.
E. Albion J. Dudley		•		King.
E. CHARLES MORRILL			•	Scribe.
T. L. P. LAMSON .				Captain of the Host.
JOHN M. PEAVEY .				Principal Sojourner.
HORACE B. BACON.				Royal Arch Captain.
N. C. SANBORN .				Master Third Veil $p.t$ :
JULIAN V. KEYES .				Master Second Veil.
FREDERICK FRYE .				Master First Veil.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM				Treasurer.
RICHARD W. BAKER	• .			Secretary.
THEODORE EDSON .	••			Chaplain.
S. Ashworth				Senior Steward.
George F. Scribner				Junior Steward.
SAMUEL K. FEILDING			:	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 164; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66.

# ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5854.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. John Tyrer .				High Priest.
E. E. C. CHAMBERLIN				King.
E. JOHN G. HASLETT				Scribe.
GEORGE F. SAMPSON				Captain of the Host.
J. Byron Nason .				Principal Sojourner.
OLOF LINDERGREEN				Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES SMITH				Master Third Veil.
BENJAMIN ALBEE .				Master Second Veil.
THOMAS SHAW .				Master First Veil.
GEORGE T. SAMPSON				Treasurer.
HEZEKIAH MAYO .				Secretary.
SAMUEL W. FOLJAMBE				Chaplain.
CHURCH HEAVNER .				Senior Steward.
THOMAS BOND .				Junior Steward.
SAMUEL W. GLEASON				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, first Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 133; Candidates exalted, 25; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$81.

# CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

#### A.L. 5855.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE H. MARI	EN		:	High Priest.
E. HENRY G. FAY .	•		. •	King.
E. James M. Greenwo	OD			Scribe.
CHARLES M. AVERY				Captain of the Host.
CHARLES T. GAY .				Principal Sojourner.
JOHN WALTER .				Royal Arch Captain.
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL				Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM D. SEELEY				Master Second Veil.
John E. Marden .				Master First Veil.
SLADE LUTHER .				Treasurer.
George W. Vose .				Secretary.
Rev. Charles H. Leon	TARD			Chaplain.
G. W. Busteed .				Senior Steward.
S. E. Holbrook, Jr.		•		Junior Steward.
Amos Seavey .				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 164; Candidates exalted, 31; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$99.

# ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

## A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. J. K. BAKER, Jr.					High Priest.
E. Rufus S. Pope .					King.
E. THOMAS WESTON			-		Scribe.
J. W. CHAPMAN .	٠.				Captain of the Host.
G. J. MILLER					Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL SNOW .					Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN B. BAXTER .					Master Third Veil.
Ozias C. Baker .					Master Second Veil.
STEPHEN SEARS .			•		Master First Veil.
ALEXANDER BAXTER					Treasurer.
A. S. HALLETT .					Secretary.
JAMES BARNABY .					Chaplain.
ERASTUS B. CHASE					Senior Steward.
John H. Frost .					Junior Steward.
SIDNEY CROWELL .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, in January, April, July, and October.

Present number of Members, 48; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21.

# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

#### A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. D. B. TENNE	Y			•.	High Priest.
E. F. J. STEVENS					King.
E. L. C. WADLEIG	н				Scribe.
E. M. HINES .					Captain of the Host.
DAVID M. KELLEY					Principal Sojourner.
B. F. DARLING					Royal Arch Captain.
A. M. VANCE.					Master Third Veil.
T. P. MITCHELL					Master Second Veil.
E. B. LITTLEFIELD					Master First Veil.
JOHN P. RANDALL					Treasurer.
A. WHITTIER .					Secretary.
Rev. C. H. SEYMO	UR				Chaplain.
C. Smith .					Senior Steward.
J. B. RICHARDSON		• .			Junior Steward.
N. R. Johnson					Tyler.

# Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 123; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$87.

# BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

# A.L. 5858.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. A. N. ALLEN	•			High Priest.
E. H. S. RUSSELL .				King.
E. L. Scott				Scribe.
D. A. CLARY				Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL H. ALMY .				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM H. COOLEY				Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN T. FENN .				Master Third Veil.
HENRY T. ROBBINS		÷		Master Second Veil.
H. H. WELLINGTON				Master First Veil.
J. CARTER				Treasurer.
L. H. GAMWELL .				Secretary.
J. C. PARKER				Tyler.

#### Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 62; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

#### A.L. 5858.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. George Robinso	N			٠.	High Priest.
E. John Crosby .					King.
E. John Wetherbee					Scribe.
John W. Robinson					Captain of the Host.
John T. Jordan .		•			Principal Sojourner.
M. H. Gross					Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL R. WINSLOW					Master Third Veil.
J. F. Snow					Master Second Veil.
C. W. RICHARDS .					Master First Veil.
WALLACE C. SHELDON					Treasurer.
SAMUEL H. PHELPS					Secretary.
GEORGE M. BUTTRICK					Chaplain.
JAMES BARKLEY .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 35; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$36.

# KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

#### A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JALES E. CARPENTER				High Priest.
E. WILLIAM W. SKINNER				King.
E. ISAAC P. CARPENTER				Scribe.
FREEMAN J. SAWYER .				Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM B. CROCKER .				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM C. PERREY .				Royal Arch Captain.
EDSON W. FORD				Master Third Veil.
CHARLES H. SAWYER .				Master Second Veil.
HENRY N. PAINE				Master First Veil.
WILLIAM CARPENTER .				Treasurer.
A. K. Belcher				Secretary.
GEORGE C. FOREST	_	_		Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 55; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$36.

# MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

#### A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM H. J.	AQUITH			High Priest.
E. D. F. Robinson	٠.			King.
E. DANIEL NASON .				Scribe.
JOHN HAIGH				Captain of the Host.
CALEB SAUNDERS .				Principal Sojourner.
NATHAN A. BISHOP				Royal Arch Captain.
G. M. STODDARD .				Master Third Veil.
JOHN B. PENNIMAN				Master Second Veil.
C. W. FLINT				Master First Veil.
RUFUS REED				Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson .				Secretary.
N. W. HARMON .				Chaplain.
WILLIAM MCALLISTI	ER .			Senior Steward.
A. S. Wright .				Junior Steward.
GEORGE W. WATER	iouse			Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, last Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 101; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

#### A.L. 5862.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. MICAH NASH.					High Priest.
E. WILLIAM H. DAVIS					King.
E. CYRUS MORTON, Jr.					Scribe.
GEORGE W. REED .					Captain of the Host.
B. SANFORD, Jr					Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE W. FAY .					Royal Arch Captain.
PRESCOTT LOTHROP					Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM H. MAINE					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES C. BIXBY			. `		Master First Veil.
Benjamin L. Nash		•			Treasurer.
ERASTUS M. NASH .					Secretary.
Rev. F. P. HOWLAND					Chaplain.
CHARLES F. ALLEN					Senior Steward.
Job P. FARRAR .					Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 118; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

# WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. FREDERIC J. Foss	8.				High Priest.
E. LYMAN DIKE .					King.
E. THOMAS WINSHIP					Scribe.
SAMUEL TIDD					Captain of the Host.
CHARLES C. DIKE .					Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES H. DELANO					Royal Arch Captain.
O. W. UPHAM .					Master Third Veil.
GEORGE G. NICHOLS					Master Second Veil.
NATHANIEL LEONARD					Master First Veil.
GEORGE W. HEATH					Treasurer.
WALTER LITTLEFIELD					Secretary.
T. J. GREENWOOD .					Chaplain.
GEORGE F. CLAPP .					Senior Steward.
H. E. Robinson .					Junior Steward.
SMITH W. NICHOLS			٠.		Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 212; Candidates exalted, 54; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$168.

# ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES H. WHITE			•		High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN POPE .					King.
E. Benjamin T. Wells				•	Scribe.
JOHN J. DYER					Captain of the Host
DAVID ARMSTRONG .					Principal Sojourner.
HUGH McCully					Royal Arch Captain
RALPH CROCKER, Jr					Master Third Veil.
ETHAN R. CHENEY .					Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM C. CULVER .			•		Master First Veil.
GEORGE BAXTER, Jr	•	•			Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio					Secretary.
JAMES I. T. COOLIDGE .					Chaplain.
Joseph Lyon					Senior Steward.
LENDALL F. TARBITT .					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM D. ROCKWOOD				.•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday of each month.

Present number of Members, 111; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$96.

# HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

#### A.L. 5863.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. James B. Shaw				High Priest.
E. MARSHALL FOX				King.
E. JOHN E. CRANE.				Scribe.
J. S. WILLIAMS .				Captain of the Host.
E. W. Morris .				Principal Sojourner.
C. W. HASTINGS .				Royal Arch Captain.
S. G. NEWTON .	•			Master Third Veil.
FREDERICK J. WASSUM				Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM MERRIAM		•		Master First Veil.
A. N. DEWEY				Treasurer.
WILLIAM W. CROSS				Secretary.
L. A. Nelson .				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 36; Candidates exalted, 4; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18.

# MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5863.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. HENRY H. GILMORE				• .	High Priest.
E. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE					King.
E. Benjamin A. Hersey		•			Scribe.
CHARLES E. JOICE					Captain of the Host.
Alfred Haskell					Principal Sojourner.
JAMES H. ARCHIBALD .					Royal Arch Captain.
SMITH B. HARRINGTON .					Master Third Veil.
S. Watson Drew					Master Second Veil.
Amos B. Morss				<b>'.</b>	Master First Veil.
LUTHER FARWELL					Treasurer.
PARKER R. LITCHFIELD			•		Secretary.
HENRY M. LOUD, } JAMES SKINNER, }		•		•	Chaplains.
N. T. MERRETT	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 82; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

# SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

#### A.L. 5863.

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M.E. ALONZO C. BLETHEN					•	High Priest.				
E. John G. Dudley .		•				King.				
E. Joshua C. Eldred .	•					Scribe.				
JAMES A. AUSTIN						Captain of the Host.				
JAMES F. HARTSHORN, Jr.						Principal Sojourner.				
TIMOTHY STEVENS	•					Royal Arch Captain.				
EZEKIEL F. ESTES						Master Third Veil.				
GEORGE F. BREED						Master Second Veil.				
HENRY O. BURRILL .						Master First Veil.				
GEORGE B. TOLMAN .						Treasurer.				
HENRY C. OLIVER						Secretary.				
TIMOTHY G. SENTER .						Chaplain.				
STEPHEN H. SAWTELL .						Senior Steward.				
SYLVESTER B. BREED .				,•		Junior Steward.				
George T. Estes				•		Tyler.				
Regular Meetings, second Thursday of each month.										
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Present number of Members, 58; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66.

# FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

## A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ROBERT C. BROW	V N				High Priest.
E. ROBERT HENRY.					King.
E. Joshua Remington					Scribe.
SILAS WILLIAMS .	•				Captain of the Host.
JAMES DAVENPORT.					Principal Sojourner.
Walliam Davenport					Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL STILLWELL		•			Master Third Veil.
Alden Gilbert .			•		Master Second Veil.
John Whitaker .					Master First Veil.
ABNER L. WESTGATE				•	Treasurer.
THOMAS L. BRAYTON					Secretary.
JOHN SHEPLEY .					Chaplain.
JIREH B. PETTY .		•			Senior Steward.
Mason Fisher .		•			Junior Steward.
WILLIAM PRESTON	_				Tyler

Regular Meetings, second Monday of each month.

Present number of Members, 77; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

## CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

#### A.L. 5864.

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M.E. Z. H. THOMAS							High Priest.
E. WILLIAM F. KNOWL	ES						King.
E. JAMES G. HOLT.							Scribe.
FRANK A. KENNEDY							Captain of the Host.
CHARLES HARRIS .							Principal Sojourner.
E. B. PHILLIPS .						•	Royal Arch Captain.
SAMUEL M. DAVIS.							Master Third Veil.
SAMUEL D. YOUNG							Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM J. DOWD							Master First Veil.
CALEB C. ALLEN .							Treasurer.
FREDERICK W. GREGOR	RY						Secretary.
CHARLES A. SKINNER							Chaplain.
LEANDER GREELEY							Senior Steward.
W. J. LATHROP .							Junior Steward.
DANIEL M. HAZEN.				•	•		Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Third Friday of each month.

Present number of Members, 88; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand . Chapter, \$66.

# WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

## A.L. 5864.

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VELCH						High Priest.
				• .		King.
RNED			٠.			Scribe.
						Captain of the Host.
						Principal Sojourner.
						Royal Arch Captain.
						Master Third Veil.
LL .						Master Second Veil.
						Master First Veil.
						Treasurer.
•						Secretary.
						Chaplain.
						Senior Steward.
•,						Junior Steward.
			•			Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 81; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

# ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

#### A.L. 5865.

# OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN HOLLAND					High Priest.
E. CHARLES F. JOHNSO	N				King.
E. James Brown .					Scribe.
EDWARD E. WASHBURN	ī				Captain of the Host.
JOHN E. BROWNE .					Principal Sojourner.
JAMES UTLEY	•				Royal Arch Captain.
EDWARD MOTT .					Master Third Veil.
L. O. BARNARD .					Master Second Veil.
F. G. SHALLING .					Master First Veil.
CHARLES LAWTON .					Treasurer.
D. L. MITCHELL .					Secretary.
WILLIAM H. BROWN			:		Chaplain.
OBED HARLOW, Jr					Senior Steward.
ROGER C. GUTHRIE					Junior Steward.
THOMAS G. ROTHWELL					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 73; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$57.

# MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

#### A.L. 5865.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM GROVER		•	•	•	High Priest.
E. NATHANIEL W. QUIN	T				King.
E. John E. Chase	,		. '		Scribe.
OSCAR S. TUTTLE .					Captain of the Host.
CYRUS L. FRINK .					Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT R. JOHNSON					Royal Arch Captain.
ALLEN HIGGINBOTTOM					Master Third Veil.
AUSTIN L. SHUMWAY					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES BLODGETT					Master First Veil.
George H. Prentiss		•			Treasurer.
CHARLES H. LYMAN					Secretary.
ALEXANDER M. AVERILI	Ն				Chaplain.
ELIJAH H. LOOMIS.					Senior Steward.
WILLIAM RUDDY .					Junior Steward.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 37; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39.

## MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, ROXBURY.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN W. DADMU	N			4		High Priest.
E. GEORGE FROST .			٠			King.
E. SAMUEL LITTLE.					4	Scribe.
CHARLES J. DANFORTH						Captain of the Host.
John W. Lord .	•					Principal Sojourner.
EBENEZER ADAMS .		4		•		Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL WHEELER .	•					Master Third Veil.
GEORGE RICHARDS.						Master Second Veil.
JOSHUA H. PUTNAM	•					Master First Veil.
R. W. MOLINEUX .						Treasurer.
John F. Newton .						Secretary.
FRANKLIN S. MERRITT		ì				Chaplain.
Elbridge G. Scott						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 47; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$74.50.

# CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

## A.L. 5865.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. DANIEL UPTO	N						High Priest.
E. H. M. HOLMER							King.
E. H. C. Bowen							Scribe.
R. B. DEAN .							Captain of the Host.
D. D. Bowen.		•					Principal Sojourner.
JAMES RENFREW							Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. Hunt .	,						Master Third Veil.
N. W. MASON.							Master Second Veil.
R. M. COLE .			•.		•		Master First Veil.
C. D. COLE .							Treasurer.
H. H. WELLINGTON							Secretary.
E. T. Hunt .	•			•			Chaplain.
John Morin .							Senior Steward.
J. K. Anthony		•					Junior Steward.
W. G. FARNSWORTE	ľ	•	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday of each month.

Present number of members, 17; Candidates exacted, 9; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27.

# UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

## A.L. 5866.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE L. HUNT		•	•	•	High Priest.
E. Andrew Atwood					King.
E. Andrew J. Clarke					Scribe.
CHARLES W. BANNON					Captain of the Host.
GEORGE P. SLOAN .					Principal Sojourner.
JAMES H. WAITE .					Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES W. BARBER					Master Third Veil.
EBI SHEPPARDSON .					Master Second Veil.
ASA BARNES					Master First Veil.
ALBERT G. MOULTON					Treasurer.
JOHN H. WILLIAMS					Secretary.
ASA BARNES					Chaplain.
Amos Cheney .			•		Tyler.

# Regular Meetings, on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 23; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, DORCHESTER.

A.L. 5866. (U.D.)

# MENOTOMY CHAPTER, WEST CAMBRIDGE.

## A.L. 5866.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. John C. Blasdel					High Priest.
E. EDWARD STORER		٠.			King.
E. WILLIAM H. PATTER	C				Scribe.
WILLIAM T. STOWE					Chaplain.
CHARLES C. SAWYER					Captain of the Host.
LEWIS SPALDING .					Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE O. DAVIS					Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES DURGAN .			•.		Master Third Veil.
Andrew F. Allen					Master Second Veil.
JOHN A. PATTEE .					Master First Veil.
J. W. PEIRCE .		-			Treasurer.
MILAN R. HARDY .					Secretary.
JAMES BASTON .					Tyler.

# WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

A.L. 5866. (U.D.)

# RECAPITULATION.

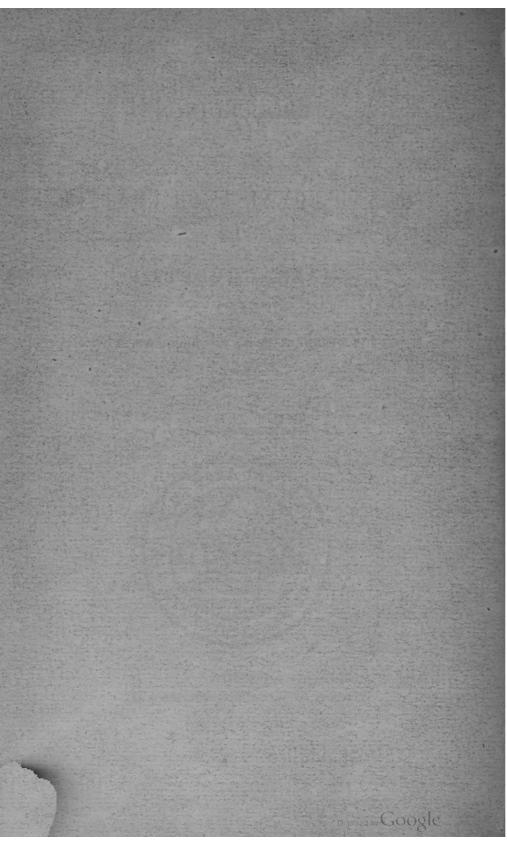
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St. Andrew's, Boston .		5769	•	•		32			<b>354</b>
King Cyrus, Newburyport		5790				20			75
Washington, Salem .		5811				21			125
Adoniram, New Bedford .		5816				36			237
MORNING STAR, Springfield		5817				26			270
FRANKLIN, Greenfield .		5817				8		٠.	102
St. Paul's, Boston		5818				12			345
Mount Zion, Stoughton		5820							37
THOMAS, Fitchburg		5821				19			<b>72</b>
WORCESTER, Worcester .		5823				42			152
MOUNT LEBANON, Milford		5824				8			101
NORTHAMPTON, Northampton		5825				6			85
CONCORD, Framingham .		5826				18			36
MOUNT HOREB, Lowell .		<b>5826</b>				20			164
St. John's, East Boston .		5854				25			133
SHEKINAH, Chelsea		5855				31			164
ORIENT, Hyannis		5856				5			48
PENTUCKET, Haverhill .		5856				27			123
Berkshire, Pittsfield .		5858				18			62
King Solomon's, Ware .		5858				10			35
KEYSTONE, Foxborough .		5860				10			55
MOUNT SINAI, Lawrence .		5860				18			101
PILGRIM, Abington		5862				14			118
WAVERLY, Melrose		5863				<b>54</b>			212
ST. MATTHEW'S, South Boston		5863		<b>`</b>		30			111
HAMPDEN, Palmer		5863				4			36
Mystic, Medford		5863				13			82
SUTTON, Lynn		5863			,	23			58
FALL RIVER, Fall River .		5864				14			77
CAMBRIDGE, Cambridgeport		5864				20			88
WALTHAM, Waltham .		5864				19	•		81
St. Mark's, Taunton .		5865				17			73
MOUNT HOLYOKE, Holyoke		5865				11			37
MOUNT VERNON, Roxbury		5865				23		٠.	47
CORINTHIAN, Adams		<b>5</b> 865				9			17
Union, Athol		5866				8			23
MENOTOMY, West Cambridge		5866							
ST. STEPHEN'S (U.D.) Dorchest	er	5866							
WEBSTER " Webster		5866							
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# ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS

# For 1867.

RICHARD BRIGGS, Boston, Mass	•	Grand High Priest
THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston, Mass		Grand Secretary.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass	. `	Grand Lecturer.
HENRY CHICKERING, PITTSFIELD, MASS.		Com. For. Cor.

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

# GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# MASSACHUSETTS.

FROM DECEMBER 11, 1866, TO DECEMBER 10, 1867.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS, GRAND HIGH PRIEST. E. THOMAS WATERMAN, GRAND SECRETARY.



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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# STATED CONVOCATION.

## MARCH 12, 1867.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 12, A.D. 1867, R.A.M. 2397.

#### Present.

M.E. CHARLES A. WELCH .					•	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT						Grand King.
E. Rufus S. Pope						Grand Scribe.
E. Louis A. Felix						Grand Captain of the Host p. t.
E. Wyzeman Marshall						Grand Principal Sojourner p.t.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson, E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,						Grand Chaplains.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN						
E. LUTHER L. TARBELL						•
D. LUITER D. LARDELD	•	•	•	•	•	Ciana Tylei.

#### Permanent Members.

John McClellan.	JAMES KIMBALL.	CHARLES C. DAME.
WILLIAM W. BAKER.	Solon Thornton.	D. W. CRAFTS.
	M. WILLIAMS.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Due Form; the record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

ST. ANDREW'S. KING CYRUS. WASHINGTON. ADONIRAM. MORNING STAR. ST. PAUL'S. THOMAS.
MOUNT LEBANON.
NORTHAMPTON.
SHEKINAH.
ORIENT.
BERKSHIRE.
WAVERLY.

SUTTON.
CAMBRIDGE.
WALTHAM.
ST. MARK'S.
MOUNT VERNON.
MENOTOMY.

M.E. Charles A. Welch, in behalf of the Committee to correspond with King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, reported that the returns of this Chapter had been made, and its dues paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That M.E. Companions Solon Thornton, Rufus S. Pope, and William W. Baker be appointed a Committee to procure aprons and all other necessary regalia for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Warrant to St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter, at Dorchester, be extended for the space of twelve months.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Due Form.

# STATED CONVOCATION.

JUNE 11, 1867.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 11, A.D. 1867, R.A.M. 2397.

#### Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS			Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY ENDICOTT			Grand King.
E. John McClellan			Grand Scribe pro tem.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS			Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Benjamin Lewis			Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS			Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun, } E. Rev. John P. Robinson, }			Grand Chaplains.
E. Alfred F. Chapman			
E. EBEN F. GAY		•	Grand Tyler pro tem.

### Permanent Members.

JAMES KIMBALL.	WM. S. SHURTLEFF.	E. W. TOLMAN.
CHARLES C. DAME.	Solon Thornton.	A. A. DAME.
HENRY CHICKERING.	WILLIAM W. BAKER.	1

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented: -

St. Andrew's.	WORCESTER.	HAMPDEN.						
KING CYRUS.	MOUNT LEBANON.	SUTTON.						
WASHINGTON.	Northampton.	CAMBRIDGE.						
ADONIRAM.	St. John's.	St. Mark's.						
FRANKLIN.	SHEKINAH.	MOUNT VERNON.						
MORNING STAR.	King Solomon's.	MOUNT HOLYOKE.						
ST. PAUL'S.	BERKSHIRE.	MENOTOMY.						
THOMAS.	WAVERLY.	i						

A petition for a new Chapter, to be located in Marlborough, signed by Burleigh Morse, W. E. C. Worcester, John F. Cotting, E. A. Bradley, Clifton D. Hunter, O. F. Longley, William A. Start, S. J. Shaw, B. F. Smith, Marshall P. Rogers, George E. Sherman, Martin Dadmun, Lafayette Dadmun, P. E. Millay, A. K. Graves, George N. Cate, Miranda Page, and C. F. Morse, was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Campanions Alfred F. Chapman, Z. H. Thomas, Jr., and H. C. Skinner, who subsequently submitted the following Report:—

IN GRAND CHAPTER, June 11, 1867.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Companions at Marlborough and vicinity have considered the subject referred to them, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr. H. C. SKINNER.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, in behalf of the Committee to procure a new plate for Diplomas, reported progress, and the Committee were granted further time.

Voted, To accept the invitation of the M.W. Grand Lodge to be present at the dedication of the New Masonic Temple on the 24th instant.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, viz.:—

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS, BOSTON, Dec. 11, 1867.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Companions,—I have the honor as well as the pleasure of informing you, that on the evening of the eleventh day of December, 1866, M.E. Companions Charles A. Welch of Waltham Chapter, Waltham; Louis A. Felix of Waltham Chapter, Waltham; David Frank Robinson of Mount Sinai Chapter, Lawrence; George John Miller of Orient Chapter, Hyannis; Hiram A. Keith of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield; Charles S. Litch of Thomas Chapter, Fitchburg; Micah Nash of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; Josiah H. Prindle of Northampton Chapter; Hezekiah S. Russell of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield; Daniel Upton of Corinthian Chapter, Adams; John Tyrer of St. John's Chapter, East Boston; George L. Hunt of Union Chapter, Athol, have been duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,
Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

M.E. Companion Shurtleff submitted the following proposition, viz.:—

That the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter be amended by adding at the end of Article I. the words "and Past Grand Officers, who shall be entitled to a seat, and to speak at the sessions of the Grand Chapter, but not to a vote."

A Dispensation was granted to Houghton Royal Arch Chapter of Marlborough, dated June 11, 1867, to continue one year.

The Grand Chapter was then closed with the usual formalities.

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

# SEPTEMBER 10, 1867.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the New Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 10, A.D. 1867, R.A.M. 2397.

#### Present.

	M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	•	•	•	•	•	•	Grand High Priest.
	M.E. CHARLES A. WELCH .							Deputy Grand High Priest.
	E. HENRY ENDICOTT							Grand King.
	E. Rufus S. Pope			•				Grand Scribe.
	E. THEODORE H. EMMONS .							Grand Captain of the Host.
٠	E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN .			٠		٠		Grand Principal Sojourner p.t.
	E. CHARLES H. NORRIS		k.					Grand Royal Arch Captain.
	E. Peter C. Jones							
	E. THOMAS WATERMAN							
	E. Alfred F. Chapman .							Grand Lecturer.
	E. Rev. John P. Robinson, E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,	}						Grand Chaplains.
	George H. Pike							

### Permanent Members.

John McClellan.	А. Е. Готн.	J. N. Pike.
W. MARSHALL.	SAMUEL MILLARD.	E. W. TOLMAN.
A. A. DAME.	M. WILLIAMS.	D. W. CRAFTS.
WILLIAM W. BAKER.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.	CHARLES C. DAME.
Solon Thornton.	JAMES KIMBALL.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's.	Mount Lebanon.	WAVERLY.
KING CYRUS.	Northampton.	SUTTON.
Washington.	MOUNT HOREB.	CAMBRIDGE.
MORNING STAR.	SHEKINAH.	WALTHAM.
ST. PAUL'S.	BERKSHIRE.	ST. MARK'S.
THOMAS.	KEY STONE.	MOUNT VERNON.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, in behalf of the Committee appointed to procure a new plate for diplomas, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of procuring a new diploma for the use of this Grand Chapter have concluded their labors, and beg leave to report,—

That, after diligent attention to the duty assigned them, they decided to have the diploma lithographed, in the highest style of the art.

First, because they had procured a beautiful design, and were anxious to introduce it for use by the various Chapters in the jurisdiction; and, second, if it was decided that it must be engraved on steel, our object would be defeated by the extreme cost (\$2,500), for they unanimously thought that to be beyond the means of this Grand Chapter.

The diploma was designed by Hammatt Billings, cost \$150; lithographed by the New England Lithographic Steam Printing Company, cost \$250; photographed to the proper size at a cost of \$10; making a total cost of four hundred and ten dollars (\$410). The Committee have also estimated the cost of printing diplomas, and find that a sufficient number of impressions can be taken to make the total cost about thirty cents for each diploma. This includes the entire cost of design, lithograph, and printing.

Submitted by

Boston, Sept. 10, 1867.

A. F. CHAPMAN. CHARLES A. WELCH. SOLON THORNTON. A petition, signed by Charles E. Allen, Henry C. Pinkham, William Hart, George F. Bunker, James F. Chase, George S. Wilbur, Charles H. Jaggar, Orrin F. Adams, and George W. Macy, for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Nantucket, was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Companions R. S. Pope, D. W. Crafts, and L. A. Felix, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion Charles E. Allen and others, of Nantucket, for a Dispensation to open a Royal Arch Chapter in said town, have considered the matter, and beg leave to report,—

From the evidence presented, they are satisfied, that though this Chapter may never be large, as regards numbers, from the peculiar circumstances of location, yet it will doubtless, be a live and active one, and therefore they recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, when the petition is indorsed by Orient Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S. POPE.
D. W. CRAFTS.
LOUIS A. FELIX.

Companions Solon Thornton, Theodore H. Emmons, and Thomas Waterman were appointed a Committee to procure new blanks for Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

A communication from the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, relating to certain proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, was received and read, and ordered to be placed on file.

The proposition submitted by M.E. William Steele Shurt-leff at the Convocation in June last, to amend Article I. of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, was ruled out of order, as it was found to conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reported that accommodations for the meetings of the Grand Chapter had been engaged of the M.W. Grand Lodge in the New Masonic Temple, at an annual rent of two hundred dollars.

A communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, and referred to the Council of this Grand Chapter to reply.

The following resolution was offered by Companion Alfred F. Chapman and adopted, viz.:—

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be requested to cause each Chapter in the Commonwealth to be visited at least once in each year, by appointing a suitable person or persons, under the seal of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to visit such Chapter or Chapters as the Grand High Priest shall order, at least once in each year, inspect their by-laws, records, and mode of work, and report to him in writing, on or before the first day of September, the state of such Chapter or Chapters, together with any suggestions that may be for their good or the general good of Royal Arch Masonry.

The following Report was submitted by M.E. Companion Peter C. Jones, read, and accepted:—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of granting new diplomas to Companions who are already in possession of one, would respectfully report,—

That in their judgment it appears inexpedient to give, or allow the same to be given, to any Companion already in posses-

sion of such, except in case of loss by an unavoidable accident; and in such case only by special grant from the Grand Chapter of this Commonwealth.

PETER C. JONES.
A. F. CHAPMAN.
A. E. FOTH.
W. MARSHALL.

M.E. Companion John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending August 31, 1867, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Com-	
mittee find correct, that there was a balance of cash	
in his hands at the commencement of the year of \$71.69	
He has received for dues from thirty-six Chapters 2,328.50	
For Dispensations for three new Chapters 270.00	
Interest on investments and premium on stocks sold . 516.64	•
Five shares Boston National Bank 500.00	•
Five shares Merchants National Bank 500.00	
Five shares Howard National Bank 500.00	
Two shares North National Bank 200.00	
	\$4,886.83
His Disbursements have been as follows:—	
For Bonds of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, secured	
by mortgage on the New Temple \$1,800.00	
Printing Proceedings of Grand Chapter 258.60	
Design for new Diploma and H. P. Jewell 181.00	
Drawing Charter and Dispensations 50.00	
Rent of hall and gas	
Charity	
Banquets at Quarterly Meetings of Grand Chapter . 883.07	
Expenses of Grand Officers for constituting new	
Chapters, visiting Chapters, &c 625.22	
Expenses of Grand Lecturer	
Sundry bills, including Secretary's and Tyler's fees, &c. 194.50	4,482,88
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	\$403.95

### The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of-

Six bonds of the Grand Lodge								\$1,800.00
One bond of the City of Boston								1,000.00
Seven shares of Eliot Bank .								700.00
Two shares First National .								200.00
Six shares Bank of North Americ	a							600.00
Cash in the hands of Grand Treas	3U	rer						
					•			\$4,703.98

The Committee recommend the payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary, for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLELLAN. SOLON THORNTON.

The time having arrived for the choice of Officers, M.E. Companion Solon Thornton was called to the chair, and M.E. Companions John McClellan, Charles H. Norris, and A. E. Foth were appointed a Committee to collect, sort, and count the votes, when the following Companions were unanimously elected, viz.:—

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS .							Grand High Priest.
M.E. BENJAMIN LEWIS .							Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE							Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON							Grand Scribe.
E. Peter C. Jones							Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .							Grand Secretary.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, ?							Trustees of the Funds
E. RICHARD BRIGGS,	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trustees of the Funds.

The following appointments were announced by the M.E. Grand High Priest, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz.:—

E. THEODORE H. EMMONS, Boston		Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS, Salem .		Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER, Milford .		Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., Cambridge		Grand Master Third Veil.

E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN, Boston				Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER, Holyoke .				Grand Master First Veil.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson,				
E. Rev. George L. Hunt, }				Grand Chaplains.
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun, )				
E. Nicholas A. Apollonio				Senior Grand Steward.
E. EBEN F. GAY				Junior Grand Steward.
E. Alfred F. Chapman				Grand Lecturer.
E. Henry Chickering				Committee on For. Cor.
E. John McClellan, )				
E. Solon Thornton, \				Committee of Finance.
E. JOHN K. HALL,				
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, )				•
E. SAMUEL MILLARD, \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	•	•	•	Committee of Charity.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN,				•
E. George H. Pike		٠.		Grand Tyler.

The Officers above elected and appointed were duly installed, and the usual proclamation made.

# STATED CONVOCATION.

## DECEMBER 10, 1867.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the New Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 10, A.L. 5867, R.A.M. 2397.

#### Present.

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS			Grand High Priest.
M.E. BENJAMIN LEWIS			Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Daniel W. Lawrence .			Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON			Grand Scribe.
E. Theodore H. Emmons .			Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS			Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. Henry C. Skinner			
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr			Grand Master Third Veil.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN			
E. Alfred F. Chapman			Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson, E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,			Grand Chaplains. [pondence.
			Committee on Foreign Corres-
E. George H. Pike			

## Permanent Members.

JOHN McCLELLAN.	E. W. TOLMAN.	A. A. DAME.
JAMES KIMBALL.	RUFUS S. POPE.	Wyzeman Marshall.
· Solon Thornton.	CHARLES C. DAME.	•

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's.	Тномаз.	FALL RIVER.		
King Cyrus.	WORCESTER.	SUTTON.		
Washington.	MOUNT LEBANON.	CAMBRIDGE.		
ADONIRAM.	King Solomon's.	WALTHAM.		
FRANKLIN.	KEY STONE.	MOUNT VERNON.		
MORNING STAR.	ST. MATTHEW'S.	MENOTOMY.		
•	HAMPDEN.			

Voted, That the Dispensation to Webster Royal Arch Chapter be extended for the further time of six months.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to M.E. Alfred F. Chapman, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has exemplified the work and lectures at the meeting this day.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in behalf of the Committee on Regalia, reported progress, and the Committee were granted further time.

The subject-matter of conferring the Past Master's Degree by Subordinate Chapters was introduced by M.E. John W. Dadmun, fully and ably debated by several members, and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Companions Henry Chickering, Alfred F. Chapman, Solon Thornton, J. W. Dadmun, and Wyzeman Marshall, to consider and report. The subject of conferring the Royal Arch Degree was also referred to the same Committee.

Since the annexation of Roxbury to Boston, some doubts have been expressed in relation to the right of Mount Vernon Chapter to receive candidates for the degrees who reside in Boston proper.

Voted, That this subject be referred to a Committee, consisting of M.E. Companions Solon Thorton, Charles C. Dame, and John McClellan.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to determine and report to this Grand Chapter what shall be the territorial jurisdiction of Mount Vernon Chapter, located in the city of Roxbury, after the first of January, 1868, the time fixed by law for the complete annexation of said city of Roxbury to the city of Boston.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Due Form.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

# REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

YOUR COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE herewith present the following Report for the year 1867.

The late day at which the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters were placed in our hands, and the severe pressure of business since, has prevented our making so thorough an examination of them as otherwise we would have been glad to have done, and consequently our review of them must necessarily be less full and comprehensive.

We have examined, as our time would admit, the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, as follows:—

Alabama			December		1866	Missouri May 1866
California			October .		1866	New Hampshire June 1866, '67
Florida .			January .		1867	New Jersey . September . 1867
Illinois *.			October .		1866	New York February . 1867
Indiana .			May		1867	North Carolina June 1866
Kentucky			October .		1867	Ohio October 1866
Louisiana			February		1867	Oregon June 1867
Maine .			May		1867	South Carolina Feb. 1862, '66, '67
Maryland	aı	nd	Nov		1866	Tennessee October 1867
Dist. Co	luı	n.	1101	٠	1000	Virginia December . 1866
Michigan			January .		1867	Vermont October 1866
Mississippi	i.		January .		1867	Wisconsin February . 1867

We present some abstracts of these Proceedings, extracts from Addresses of Grand High Priests, and from Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence, etc., intended to give a general view of Capitular Masonry in the several jurisdictions.

### ALABAMA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Fortieth Annual Convocation at the city of Montgomery, on the 4th of Decmber, 1866. In the absence of the M.E. Grand High Priest, J. B. Harrison, the M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Peleg Brown, presided, forty-eight Chapters being represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, though not received in time to be read in Grand Chapter, is published in the Proceedings; and from it we make the following extract:—

"It affords me pleasure to state that, so far as I have been able to learn, peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and that Royal Arch Masonry is now in a prosperous condition; some, if not all, of our Subordinate Chapters seem determined to free themselves of the imperfect work which, by accident, or a want of faithful vigilance, may have passed the overseers' squares. This work now exhibits its imperfections, and they are such as obviously render it unfit for use, and it is now being very properly thrown among the rubbish. This course commends itself to our favor; let the subordinates but continue the work thus nobly begun (of sacrificing numbers to purity), until all shall be accomplished that is desired, and Royal Arch Masonry will soon occupy that high position of which her principles are worthy, and sooner still 'Holiness to the Lord' shall be engraved upon the heart of every true Royal Arch Mason."

The following decisions strike us as somewhat anomalous, and it may be proper to add, that the Report not having been received in time, they were not referred to and acted upon by a Committee, or the Grand Chapter, and are therefore to be taken as the opinions of the Grand High Priest only.

"A Chapter may adopt a by-law declaring that any Companion who shall be engaged in selling spirituous liquor guilty of unmasonic conduct. Such Companion is entitled to a fair trial, and the penalty after conviction may be a reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but the Chapter cannot dimit him; it has a right to pass a by-law suppressing vice or immorality. The Grand Lodge has promulgated that 'retail traffic in intoxicating drinks is demoralizing in its tendency, opposed to the principles of the Order, and inconsistent with the masonic character.' If so in the Blue Lodge, how much more careful ought we to be in the Grand Chapter — we, who profess to have progressed, and to have attained a higher position."

"A member who has been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, according to the ancient landmarks, and who, in every respect, was qualified for exaltation, should not be debarred from the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, simply because he has been providentially afflicted, such affliction having been in nowise brought about by his misconduct. Again, a brother was balloted for and accepted for exaltation; but before he could receive the degrees, was called off upon duty, and was thus prevented from receiving them. During this necessary absence he had the misfortune to lose one of his arms in battle. On his return home, he still desires the degrees, being in every respect worthy. I unhesitatingly recommend that the Chapter exalt him, or, in the event they refuse, that they recommend him to some other Chapter for exaltation. It is just such a case as peculiarly commends our unfortunate brother to masonic sympathy and masonic hearts."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, and reviews the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, ours included, with regard to which he has the following kind words:—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Comp. James Kimball. It is among the best we have read. Comp. Kimball is undoubtedly a well-informed Mason, and of literary culture. He has great tact in selecting the most interesting sub-

jects of remark from the Proceedings of other jurisdictions, and what he says is clothed in chaste language, and with a commendable common sense not met with every day. If the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has many such writers as Comp. Kimball, it is to be regretted that she has so long hid her light under a bushel—this being the first Report on Foreign Correspondence that we have met with from that Grand Chapter. He reviews the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters. We regret that ours was not among the number; but the interruption in the mails had doubtless prevented them from being received."

The Report is a very able one, and in the main breathes the spirit of true masonic charity, confidence, and love, somewhat in contrast with his Report of the previous year. He repels, with considerable feeling, some remarks in the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, — perhaps in themselves not conceived in the truest masonic charity, — seemingly forgetting that the tone of sadness, if not of lingering bitterness, in his previous year's Report, may possibly have influenced these somewhat. However, he seems quite disposed to "bury the hatchet," and we trust that hereafter we shall all be willing to let "bygones be bygones." and in the future meet only upon the level of masonic charity and brotherly love.

We are a little surprised that the Committee on Dispensations in this Grand Chapter should recommend that Charters issue to certain Chapters of whose Proceedings and Records they speak as being very irregular and inaccurate, as it seems to us they do not show such an acquaintance with masonic law and usage as to make them the proper custodians of the important duties and privileges of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

From the Report we learn that there are eighty-seven chartered Chapters in the jurisdiction, and three U.D., with a total membership of 2,850; exalted during the year, 292; affiliated, 62; dimitted, 233; rejected, 17; died, 66, among

the last of which was Past Grand High Priest, Hugh Parks Watson.

M.E. George D. Norris, of Newmarket, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its thirteenth Annual Convocation in the city of San Francisco, on the 15th of October, 1866, M.E. Grand High Priest John Kirkpatrick presiding, with representatives from thirty Chapters. From the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest we extract the following:—

"Another year has passed, a year of 'peace within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces.' No longer are our brethren arrayed in deadly strife against each other. The sword has been superseded by the sickle, and the plough, instead of the horse's hoof, now turns up the ground. The bitter animosities of the past are disappearing, never, it is hoped, to be again revived; and peace and tranquility once more prevail in our beloved country. Nowhere than in our State are hymns of praise more due the Creator for the many favors bestowed. Our fields teem with grain, our mines yield abundantly, and in all the various pursuits of life the industrious and the active are attended with success.

"It affords me great pleasure to be enabled to report that the Chapters in this jurisdiction are generally in a prosperous condition, and that the utmost harmony and good feeling prevails. No Dispensations for the formations of new Chapters have been issued during the year."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary, reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, in a brief but comprehensive manner, and with a kindly spirit and good taste.

The returns show thirty-four Chapters in the jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,358; exalted during the year, 162; affiliated, 32; rejected, 16; withdrawn, 100; suspended, 40; died, 18.

. M.E. Charles Marsh, of Nevada, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Lawrence C. Owen, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Hartford, May 7, 1867, M.E. Luke A. Lockwood, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from twenty-seven Chapters — all in the State. Most of the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is in reference to his official acts, but the following general remarks will apply everywhere, and are so good we cannot forbear copying them.

"Permit me to offer a few suggestions relative to masonic charity, much talked about now-a-days, and most grievously abused. It is generally regarded as the giving of relief to the poor and needy, many times, I fear, with the expectation of some gain to the giver; but, my Companions, charity consists, not in the gift, but in the benevolence which prompts the giver. You remember the widow's mite was a manifestation of greater charity than the costly presents of the rich. Charity is love; the bond of peace; the perfection of every virtue; the cement which unites us as Masons; and its exercise arises from the love of doing good. God is Light; God is also Love; and hence the triangular-shaped trowel by which the cement is spread symbolizes that God is the author of that charity or love which binds and cements us. The more diligently we apply ourselves to the study of the principles of our Institution, and strive to make its rules the standard of our daily life and conduct, the more abundantly will the blessed gift of charity increase in our hearts. This charity arises from

the clear realization of the relation of man to his Maker, and of man to man. That God is the Father of all, and that as created by the same Almighty Parent, and in his image, we are bound to love and fear him, and to aid and cherish each other; or, to sum it all up in a single sentence, the clear realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Nothing will tend more strongly to intensify the feeling of brotherly love than the conviction that all our brethren are actuated by the same ennobling feeling. How much truth there is in those quaint questions and auswers of Masons, as found in the ancient manuscript, familiar, doubtless, to all. 'Are Masons as good men as they pretend? Yea, verily, for it might not otherwise be for good men and true, knowing each other to be such, do love the more as they be more good.' Let us all, then, strive to be and to be known as more and more good and true, so that our charity may more abundantly abound, that our Institution may be more firmly cemented, and that the world at large may be convinced of its good effects.

"I feel it a duty to call your attention to the nature and character of our ceremonies, and to the necessity and duty of a dignified, intelligent, and scrupulous performance of our mystic rites. It may be laid down as an invariable rule that there is nothing in Masonry designed to afford amusement, or to excite mirth or Anything said or done solely for such purposes is an excrescence upon the body of Masonry, and should be removed at once; and if no other remedy is adequate, free use of the scalpel should be unsparingly made. It is true that many persons have a very acute perception of the ridiculous, which even the most solemn duties fail to suppress; and such persons are led to smile at the trying struggles of their dearest friends, not because they fail to sympathize with them in their adversities, but because unusual and grotesque phases of character are presented to view, and their minds are excited by mirth before their hearts are awakened into sympathy. Perhaps nothing is more mirth-provoking for the moment than the unfortunate mis-step and fall of a friend, and the usual involuntary ejaculation or action of surprise and mortification; and yet should such mis-step have been caused by an unfriendly design to injure that friend, our anger instead of We cannot, my Companions, our mirth would be at once excited.

too deeply realize the sacred solemnities of our mystic rites, no one of which is performed without design either to instruct the mind and heart, or to elevate the character and dignity of true manhood. He who thinks he can perceive, in any of our ceremonies, anything contrary to the design already indicated is not to be envied, and needs to learn the first rudiments of Masonry. We, as Royal Arch Masons, are engaged in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord, not as hirelings, but as laborers of love, of rebuilding and restoring our inner spiritual temple, sadly marred and defaced by the depravity and imperfections of human nature, and of zealously laboring to approach the perfection of manhood, as man was at his creation the image of God and his noblest work.

"Brethren! with fixed, yet awful eye,
Turn ye the page of mystery,
Nor slight the warning sound;
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet:
The place where man his God shall meet,
Be sure is holy ground."

Most of the business done has only a local interest. The question of a change of time for holding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter had been considered at a Special Convocation, held at Bridgeport, Oct. 31, 1866; but instead thereof, it was decided to hold a semi-annual one, at such place as should be decided upon at the previous Annual Convocation, on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in November in each year, for the exemplification of the Work and such other business as may be presented.

A resolution, that no less than three actual candidates shall be exalted at the same time, was voted down by the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was passed, — and a similar rule ought to be enforced in every jurisdiction. It is just as unmasonic to disclose the fact of having voted for, as to disclose who voted against a candidate. It destroys the secrecy

of the ballot, and may reveal who the persons voting against a candidate were: —

Resolved, That any member of a Subordinate Chapter voting for or against the admission of a candidate, and disclosing the fact when the ballot is not clear, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct, and be dealt with accordingly.

The Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. William Storer, and is a very excellent review of the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, including ours. We copy the following paragraph, which is a sort of summing up of results:—

"The whole number of exaltations reported by the twelve Grand Chapters from whom we have returns is 5,778, which indicates a condition of activity that forbids the fear of an immediate extinction of Capitular Masonry in the United States; and some idea of the care with which the materials for the Royal Arch edifice are selected, may be gathered from the fact, that five Grand Chapter jurisdictions report 155 rejections, while 34 expulsions in seven States afford evidence that at least a degree of proper discipline is maintained in the Chapters.

"There are forty-five Grand Chapters in the United States and the Territories, with 614 Subordinate Chapters. In the twelve jurisdictions from which we have returns, there were at the latest dates 26,760 affiliated Royal Arch Masons. The same twelve Grand Chapters received as annual dues from their subordinates the sum of \$16,388.39. Taking these partial statistics as the basis of our estimate for the whole country, there cannot be less than 100,000 Royal Arch Masons in the land, while the amount paid into the Royal Arch treasuries, to be expended mainly in charity, has not probably been less than \$50,000. What an army of 'good men and true!' and what an amount of suffering may be alleviated through the instumentality of their annual contributions! Companions of Connecticut, can we fail to appreciate the high privilege of being deemed worthy to have our names enrolled as members of such a fraternity? And with what jealous care

should each individual of this mighty host guard his own heart, lest by an inconsiderate dereliction, he cause a vibration of shame to thrill through the whole body: for 'whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.'

"By these annual reviews we are also reminded of the uncertain tenure by which we hold our mortal existence. The 'king of terrors' is ever busy in recruiting for the grave. Look where we may, we see abundant evidence of the ravages of death; nor can we escape his unerring shaft. In seven of the States, from which we have returns, we find the number of two hundred and fourteen deaths reported from the number of our Order. Let us heed this solemn lesson, and use all diligence in setting our house in order, that we may be found ready when the messenger shall arrive with the summons that is to usher us within the veils."

Returns from all the Chapters, twenty-seven in number, show a membership of 2,688; exaltations, 344; admitted, 18; withdrawn, 36; expelled, 2; died, 35.

M.E. James L. Gould, of Bridgeport, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

#### FLORIDA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation in the city of Tallahassee, on the 14th of January, 1867, M.E. Grand High Priest, David Jones, presiding, with a due representation of Chapters. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and represents the Subordinate Chapters in good working condition. Two Chapters have been re-established, but no new ones appear to have been chartered. We copy from the Address the following worthy sentiments:—

"Let nothing be said or done to cause us the slightest pain or regret when looking back in the mirror of the past. Let us dis-

card every feeling of discord and unite ourselves as a 'band of brothers,' working as one man, for the prosperity of our Order. No personal or selfish feeling should ever be permitted to enter this holy place, but let us, as earnest and enthusiastic Masons, adhere strictly to the great principles which bind us together, and follow in the footsteps of those bright and illustrious brothers and companions who have been called from 'labor' to 'refreshment' in that great Temple above, and all will be well with us.

"Let us square all our actions by the true tests of Masonry, so that when our labors are brought to a close, we may leave on earth a record worthy of imitation, and secure for ourselves the welcome plaudits of Him who presides in the great Temple."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companion Thomas Brown, reviews the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, including that of Massachusetts, from which he quotes the following words of Companion Kimball, in his Report on Foreign Correspondence:—

"The Reports reviewed by us all speak of the (late) unhappy condition of our country; but 'old things have passed away." Let it now be the work of every true Mason, each in his particular walk in life, to exert every influence that God has given him in securing a more glorious and enduring future for our country, that by no act of ours, as citizens or as Masons, shall its future be put in jeopardy.

"We trust that before the close of another year your Committee may receive words of cheer and encouragement from those jurisdictions which have for so long a period been cut off from all intercourse with us; and may we not hope that, although their altars may have been overthrown, that they are not destroyed, and that our Order, tried as it has been during the last four years of alienation and strife, may come forth stronger and more determined, having been tried in the balance and found not wanting."

He adds, "These are words of grace, and given in a true

masonic spirit, which the people of the South will duly appreciate and reciprocate."

Among the Proceedings we notice the following: —

- "The following circumstances were called to the attention of the Grand Chapter:
- "The Records of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, of Warrington, having been carried off by some unknown person during the war, were purchased by a Companion in Connecticut from a soldier who had served in Florida, and presented to the Grand Chapter of that State in 1864, for the purpose of restoration. Said Record has since been forwarded by Companion John W. Paul, Grand Secretary, and is now in the possession of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11.
- "Companion Dawkins offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:
- "Resolved, That we thank an unknown Companion for an act of fraternal kindness in recovering the Records of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut for their restoration through Companion John W. Paul.
- "Resolved, That we congratulate the Masons of our country that this is but one of many acts, recently brought to our knowledge, which show that even the bitterness of civil war cannot quench our brotherly love or sever masonic ties."

Returns from only ten of the eighteen Chapters in the jurisdiction are reported. They show a membership of 445, with 79 exaltations, 11 withdrawals, and 7 deaths. M.E. David Jones, of Lake City, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Hugh A. Corley, of Tallahassee, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### ILLINOIS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its seventeenth Annual Convocation at Chicago, Oct. 5, 1866, M.E. Grand High Priest Loyal L. Munn presiding. From

the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest and that of the Deputy Grand High Priest, we learn that Dispensations were granted for seventeen new Chapters during the year. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"The most perfect harmony prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, and Royal Arch Masonry was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time, not only in our jurisdiction but throughout the length and breadth of our beloved country; and on account of its popularity, great numbers are desirous of learning our mysteries, and are seeking for permission to pass through the veils of our tabernacle into our sacred sanctuary. During the past year there have been about twelve hundred exaltations in this jurisdiction, which greatly exceed the number admitted during any previous year; therefore it behooves us to scrutinize closely every petitioner. Let none be admitted unless we are fully satisfied that they are worthy and well quali-Our structure is assuming massive proportions, and should we not use proper care in the selection of the materials, its dimensions would become an element of weakness; therefore remember, Companions, that you should use the ballot conscientiously for the good of the Order."

Touching allusion is also made to the death of Companion James H. Hibbard, Past Grand High Priest, who passed from his labors on earth to his rest in the Grand Chapter above, on the 14th of May, 1866.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a discriminating review of the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Bodies, including a very brief one of ours. It is made up principally of extracts from Addresses and Reports, and a brief synopsis of transactions, with very few comments; but those are in a right spirit.

There are one hundred and five Chapters in the jurisdiction; but, as there is no recapitulation of the statistics, we cannot, without more labor than we have now time for, give

the membership, exaltations, etc. M.E. Orlin H. Miner, of Springfield, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Harmon G. Reynolds, of Springfield, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

### INDIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its twenty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis, May 22, 1867, M.E. Grand High Priest, Thomas Newby, presiding. In his Annual Address, he says:—

"We rejoice to herald not only the return of peace, but also the return of healthy and vigorous Capitular life, everywhere over the South: and we extend our most earnest fraternal sympathy with the afflictions of our Companions, both as individuals and as organized Constitutional Grand Chapters, with halls destroyed or much injured, without furniture, jewels, and clothing, or, even where occupied, are yet much out of repair."

Announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Daniel K. Hays, is made in a feeling manner. The Grand High Priest refers to the action of the Grand Chapter, at its previous Annual Convocation, in seceding from the General Grand Chapter, and seriously deprecates the action. He says:—

- "The action of our Grand Body on the case referred to has not been approved, applauded, or confirmed by any Masonic Body in regular standing; and the approval or applause of Bodies in the same doubtful position with ourselves will not add enviable laurels to our heretofore good name among the legal Masonic Bodies of the world.
- "I might pursue the subject farther, but as we have recently had this subject fully tested by the powers of our National Government, we should not assume doubtful positions by hasty legislation, but at once rescind the action had at our last Annual Communication, and thereby place our Grand Body on legal and honorable ground,

and stay the confusion that may occur in our jurisdiction by the formation of another Grand Chapter."

Here follows a brief review of the history of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, showing that it was organized under a Dispensation from the General Grand Chapter; and he adds:—

"Now Companions, under the above authority, we have for twenty years organized and constituted fifty-eight Chapters, which through this Grand Body owe their powers to the General Grand Chapter; and the act on our part of severing our connection with the mother Body, is throwing back to her the power she gave to us to form Subordinate Chapters in our jurisdiction, and by the same principle our Subordinates may throw off their allegiance to us, call a convention, petition the General Grand Chapter for a Charter, declare us clandestine, make all our future acts null and void, and by our own actions hold us up to the masonic world as a schismatic, disgraced organization. Are you prepared to be cast off by all sister Grand Chapters? Reflect for a moment upon the awful penalty you are about to inflict upon yourselves by the sanction of the resolution passed at the last Grand Communication."

This subject was referred to a Special Committee, who subsequently reported as follows, and the Report was concurred in:—

"The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M.E. Grand High Priest as relates to the action of this Grand Chapter, found on folios 25 and 26 of the printed Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, respectfully report,—

"That they have examined with great care the History, Constitution, and Laws, connected with the powers and organization of this Grand Chapter and that of the General or Mother Grand Body of the United States, and feeling, as they do, a deep interest in the welfare, prosperity, and honor of the Craft in general, and for this branch of the masonic fraternity in particular,

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your Committee most heartily concur in the views of the M.E. Grand High Priest, as set forth in his Annual Address to this Grand Body; and we would further most respectfully represent that the action aforesaid was hasty and without due consideration.

"Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

"Resolved, That the action and Proceedings of this Grand Chapter in seceding from the Grand Chapter of the United States, above referred to, be and the same is hereby repealed."

# The Grand High Priest, in closing his Address, says: -

"In conclusion, I would say, as Symbolic Masonry has its duties and lessons, so has Capitular Freemasonry its peculiar duties, theories, and instructions. They commence with the serious, and close with the joy of the chosen people; symbolizing life, death, resurrection; teaching restraint, and pointing to the laver from which we should go, cleansed from moral deformity. Study well our symbols, our history, our literature. Conform your lives to our precepts, our high moral and even theological teachings, and so pass through our mysteries which are temporal, as to be admitted to those which are eternal, into the Holy of Holies above."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.E. Companion Thomas Newby, Grand High Priest, and very briefly reviews the Proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, giving a short synopsis of their Proceedings, with brief extracts.

The Returns show sixty Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 2,282, an increase of 359 for the year, with 488 exaltations.

M.E. Thomas Newby, of Cambridge City, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. William Hacker, of Indianapolis, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## KENTUCKY.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky held its Annual Convocation in the city of Louisville, Oct. 21, 22, and 23, M.E. Grand High Priest, J. H. Branham, presiding, with a representation at opening from some seventy Chapters, afterwards increased to about eighty. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says:—

"Another cycle of time has completed its revolution, and we meet, as brethren and companions from all parts of our jurisdiction, to raise that Royal Arch, beneath which, according to our traditions, the great central and sublimest truth of our ancient and venerable Order has been perpetuated for more than twenty-three centuries. I trust that 'unity and concord' may characterize our deliberations; that the prosperity of our Institution may be promoted by our action; and that we may be able to impart to it an interest, and infuse into its membership a zeal, which has not been surpassed during any former year of its history. I greet you at this hour with a most hearty satisfaction, as it is my province to congratulate on the great prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, not only within the bounds of our jurisdiction, but throughout the length and breadth of this great country in all the States with which we correspond. That prosperity has not been evinced so much by a large increase in the number of new Chapters constituted, as in the addition of useful, valuable, and efficient materials to those already established, and in their desire and determination to make their Chapters sources of light and knowledge to those who may be so fortunate as to gain admittance within their sacred retreats, and to render their work as near perfect as any science can be made which is dependent on human learning, wisdom, and labor."

He takes strong ground against conferring degrees out of time, and hopes ere long the power of granting Dispensations for them will be taken from the Grand High Priests by the various Grand Chapters. He also dwells upon the subject of a uniformity of the Work, and proposes an annual exemplification of it by the Grand High Priest and his associate officers. We very much doubt whether this would accomplish the object so well as our mode of exemplifying by the Grand Lecturer and assistants, selected because of their proficiency and fitness for this special duty; and we notice that the Committee to whom this subject was referred proposed the appointment of a Grand Lecturer instead.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were granted during the year. The resources of this Grand Chapter are shown to be \$11,358.97.

The following, touching the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, was passed:—

- "Whereas, Since the last Communication of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia has been formed and duly installed by our distinguished and most excellent Companion Albert G. Mackey, in strict accordance with the laws and usages of our order; therefore,—
- "Be it Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Kentucky tender their congratulations to the Chapter of the District of Columbia, and hereby accept said Grand Chapter as an important acquisition to Capitular Masonry in this country."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion A. G. Hodges, is quite extended, reviewing somewhat at length the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, including that of Massachusetts, for 1865, which did not reach there till after October, 1866; and he complains that the one for 1866 had not been received, or any communication had with us during the past year. Doubtless this must be owing to some failure in the mails.

The returns from eighty-three Chapters show a membership of 3,101; exaltations for the year, 559; admitted, 51; rejected, 43; dimitted, 150; died, 68.

M.B. Isaac T. Martin, of Cynthiana, was elected Grand

High Priest, and Companion Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

### LOUISIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State convened for its twentieth Annual Convocation in the city of New Orleans, February 12, 1867, M.E. Grand High Priest, H. Regenburg, presiding, with ten Subordinate Chapters represented. Its printed Proceedings are among the neatest, most complete, and best arranged that we have seen. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says:—

"I am happy to be able to report to you, that peace and harmony has been prevalent throughout our jurisdiction, and that during the past year nothing has occurred to mar the peaceful work of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Louisiana. The avenues leading to our Temple have been carefully guarded, and I hope and trust that the same scrupulous care may continue and insure the same happy effect for the future."

Dispensations for six new Chapters were granted during the year. There appears to be twenty-five Chartered Chapters, and six U.D., in the jurisdiction; and returns from twenty-three of them show a membership of 1,425; exaltations during the year, 185; affiliated, 43; dimitted, 105; died, 30.

For some reason, probably the result of our late civil war, several of the Chapters in this jurisdiction have failed to make returns for some years, and to some of them the Grand Chapter has found it necessary to make donations.

Among the Amendments made to the Constitution, was one providing for a Grand Lecturer.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Comp. H. R. Swasey, is a brief and discriminating review of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chap-

ters, Massachusetts not included, from which we infer that it had not been received. Let us be especially careful that from no fault of ours, in furnishing copies of Proceedings, or in other ways, there should be any seeming want of that fraternal courtesy and brotherly love which I know we all feel towards our sister Bodies, South or North.

M.E. H. P. Buckley, of New Orleans, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. James C. Batchelor, of New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

### MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Portland, May 6, 1867, M.E. Josiah H. Drummond, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from twenty Subordinate Chapters. The Grand High Priest, in the early part of his Annual Address, alludes to the disastrous fire which laid waste so large a part of the city of Portland, on the 4th of July, 1866, as follows:—

"The strange surroundings which greet your eyes on every side remind you that the tabernacle in which we last gathered around our altar, hallowed by so many associations, consecrated by the prayers of the Fathers in our Israel, has shared the fate of the Temple at Jerusalem. The terrible fire of the Fourth of July swept it away, as if in a moment, and with it the clothing and jewels of this Grand Chapter and much property of its two Subordinates in this city. The Grand Treasurer will give you the details in relation to the Grand Chapter. Mount Vernon Chapter saved its records and jewels; Greenleaf Chapter, its jewels only. The loss of its records is irreparable.

"This is not the time or the place to speak specifically of the alacrity and abundant generosity with which the Craft hastened to relieve the sufferings and destitution of our brethren and companions who were overwhelmed in this fearful calamity."

In speaking of "substitutes" in the Royal Arch Degree, he says: —

"In my opinion, this practice is at variance with the Ritual, and in direct conflict with the charges to a High Priest at his installation. I am aware that the practice is extensive and has the warrant of age in its support. In doubtful cases, long usage should determine a question; but no usage, in violation of a fundamental principle, can ripen into law or authority, whatever length of time it may have existed."

He also takes exceptions, as we think very wisely, to the provision allowing a candidate rejected in one Chapter to apply to another, upon the recommendation of certain officers and members of the rejecting Chapter, and recommends its essential modification; and the Constitution was subsequently amended so as to require a unanimous vote, by secret ballot, to recommend a rejected candidate to another Chapter.

We also quote and heartily say, "so mote it be," to the following extract from the Grand High Priest's Address:

"And in this connection, allow me to congratulate you on the renewal of fraternal relations with those Grand Chapters so long separated from us by the dark cloud of war. Though in a few instances Proceedings have not been received from them, communication has been established with all, we trust never again to be interrupted."

An Amendment made to the Constitution makes it the duty of the Council to perfect themselves in the Work and Lectures of the Degrees, and one of them in person (or by a proxy who shall be a Past High Priest, and report to the Officer appointing him), at least once a year, to visit and instruct each Chapter in the jurisdiction; and arrangements were also made for an exemplification of the Work at the next Annual Convocation. Among the permanent regulations of this Grand Chapter is the following excellent one, which we wish was adopted in ours.

"Whenever a Dispensation is granted for conferring degrees, it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same to require and

receive of the Chapter to whom the same may be granted the sum of three dollars for each candidate, for the Dispensation, which shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, for the sole use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Chapter; and the Chapter shall require of each candidate five dollars in addition to their usual fee."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an able and exhaustive review, from the pen of M.E. Grand High Priest Drummond, of thirty-three Grand Chapters, ours included, being more than we have seen in any other report. He adds: "From Minnesota and Texas we hear nothing directly, although we have written to the Grand Recorder of We presume no Proceedings for 1866 have been published in either of these jurisdictions. We are sorry not to hear from Texas. We had hoped that the silence of the past calamitous years would, ere this, have been broken." His Report of the various jurisdictions is quite full and comprehensive, and among other features is a table compiled with great care, and which must have cost great labor, exhibiting, so far as he could ascertain it, the condition of the Royal Craft in the different jurisdictions. As it is so much more full and complete than anything we can make, we propose to avail ourselves of it and embrace it in the closing portion of our Report. We quote from the closing portion of Companion Drummond's Report the following, heartily seconding all his suggestions: -

- "Summary. Thirty Grand Chapters have 1,156 Subordinates; twenty-nine return 54,083 members; twenty-eight return 10,443 exaltations. It will be remembered that these are generally the statistics for the year preceding the Annual Convocations for 1866.
- "We hope Grand Secretaries will see to it, that in their own jurisdictions proper statements of the returns are made, so that we may be able to ascertain the actual growth of Royal Arch Masonry.

- "We judge there are now more than 60,000 Royal Arch Masons in the United States; and the increase annually nearly or quite 1,100.
- "If these are all worthy Companions, governed to the best of their ability by the sublime principles of the ROYAL ART, we may well expect the prosperity and good influence of the Order.
  - "But when we know that among the pillars supporting our edifice, there are very many that are defective, unsound, and therefore weak, though perhaps fair to the outward view, we cannot avoid feeling a deep solicitude lest they should fail and involve their fellows and the Temple itself in one common ruin.
  - "The utmost care should therefore be exercised, not only to prevent the introduction of work 'not fit for use,' but also, when it is discovered that any pillar is becoming rotten, that it should be removed and heaved over among the rubbish.
  - "It will be seen that in every jurisdiction it is reported that peace, harmony, and an unusual degree of prosperity prevail. Is this the calm before the storm? We trust not; yet there are grounds for fear."

Dispensations for four new Chapters were granted during the year. An abstract of the Returns from twenty-six Chapters shows a membership of 1,765; exaltations during the year, 382; rejected, 27; dimitted, 36; died, 20. Amount of Charity Fund, \$2,377.41. We make the following extract from the Grand Secretary's Report:—

- "It is gratifying to find our Companions at the South ready and prompt to resume fraternal relations with us. They have forwarded their Proceedings with punctuality since communication with them has been practicable.
- "I am happy to be able to report that no Records or papers of great importance were lost by the fire which destroyed our masonic home. Some bound volumes of our Proceedings, and some in pamphlet form, were burnt, but it is believed they can be supplied."

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The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are admirably arranged, complete, and full, with a capital index.

M.E. Josiah H. Drummond and R.E. Ira Berry, both of Portland, were re-elected respectively to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter commenced its Annual Convocation at Baltimore on the 12th of November, 1866, and closed on the 13th. It was presided over by the Grand High Priest, M.E. James G. Smith, with representatives from ten Grand Chapters. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, pays a high tribute of respect to the memory of Wm. G. Parkhurst, Grand King, who lost his life under distressing circumstances, by accidental drowning, on the 10th of October, 1866. In his Address he also says: "During the past year I have visited all of the Chapters in the jurisdiction, and find the utmost harmony in all, and in most of them great prosperity and emulation to advance our beloved Order."

Two new Chapters were constituted, and a Dispensation for one new one was granted during the year.

The Proceedings seem to have been mostly of a local interest.

The Proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters are ably reviewed by Companion E. L. Stevens, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, very kind allusions being made to ours and the Report of Companion Past Grand High Priest Kimball.

The returns from twelve Chapters show a membership of 1,067; exaltations, 285; affiliated, 19; reinstated, 1; rejected, 18; withdrawn, 71; "dropped," 88; died, 15.

M.E. James G. Smith, of Washington, District of Colum-

bia, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. W. Morris Smith, of Washington, re-elected Grand Secretary.

. Measures were taken for the organization of a Council of High Priests.

An application was made by three Subordinate Chapters in the District of Columbia for a dissolution of their connection with this Body, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia, which was "referred back to the Chapters of the District of Columbia, for a more full consideration and expression of their wishes in regard to said application."

Subsequently, all the Chapters in the District, except Potomac, appear to have expressed a desire to be organized into a separate and distinct Grand Chapter, taking the District of Columbia for its jurisdiction; and the "Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia " having voted its assent, a Grand Chapter was organized, to be called "THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA," and its officers were installed by M.E. Companion Albert G. Mackey. Past General Grand High Potomac Chapter did not unite in this act, and, as we infer, denying its jurisdiction, the new Grand Chapter declared it a clandestine Body, whereupon Potomac Chapter appealed to M.E. JOHN L. LEWIS, General Grand High Priest, who sustains Potomac Chapter, and declares the new Grand Chapter "irregular and clandestine," on the ground, as we understand, that it had not first obtained the sanction and consent of the General Grand Chapter. This has given rise to a great amount of discussion; and printed circulars and pamphlets from parties interested in the controversy have flowed in upon us in great number. But as the General Grand High Priest has declared the new body "irregular and clandestine," and forbidden masonic intercourse with it, we suppose we must wait the decision of the General Grand

Chapter. Meantime there is, and will be, considerable diversity of opinion upon the subject.

## MICHIGAN.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the city of Adrian on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of M.E. A. Barnard, Grand High Priest, January, 1867. presiding, with forty-four Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says, "There is a disposition to do too little work in the Past and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees, and too much in the Royal Arch"; and he "recommends its correction by an edict so positive and unmistakable that none will wish or dare to disobey." Among the deaths of distinguished Masons in the jurisdiction that the Grand High Priest makes honorable mention of are the Hon. Lewis Cass and Levi Cook, both Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and resolutions to their memory, as to other deceased members of the Grand Chapter, were subsequently passed. He also says, "The present year has been one of great prosperity to the Craft," and closes with the following: -

"And may He, whose name we should never mention but with that reverential awe which is due from the creature to his Creator, enable us so to govern ourselves as to transmit to those who come after us the sublime principles and rites of Royal Arch Masonry, undimmed and unimpaired by innovation, to the latest period of all coming time. May we be guided by that Great and Supreme Light in Masonry, to all truth, and finally find an abundant entrance into that celestial Temple where the Supreme Grand High Priest forever presides."

The Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, are very fairly reviewed by Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Com-

mittee on Foreign Correspondence, whose Report is principally made up of extracts and brief synopses of important matters, with but few comments.

Returns from forty-seven Chapters show a membership of 3,173; exaltations, 702; rejected, 92; admitted, 125; suspended, 82; dimitted, 109; expelled, 5; died, 33.

A revised Constitution was adopted, and M.E. John P. Fiske, of Detroit, elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. J. Eastman Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary.

### MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter commenced its nineteenth Annual Convocation at the city of Jackson, on the 16th of Jan. 1867, and closed the same on the 18th. The M.E. Grand High Priest, William S. Patten, not appearing to be present until the last day, the sessions were presided over by R.E. J. O. Lusher, Grand Scribe, and R.E. John Fatharee, Deputy Grand High Priest. Fifty-five Chapters appear to have been represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest appears, and is an able document, breathing the right spirit and showing a high appreciation of the teachings of our honored Institution.

"Once more are you permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, to humbly bow around the sacred altar and unite your hearts in humble submission and grateful thanks to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe for the manifold blessings and comforts which we as a brotherhood have been blessed with during the past masonic year.

"Through the mercies and goodness of the Great' I AM," you have been permitted to come from the East, West, North, and South, to sit together in Grand Council within the veils of the Sanctuary.

"Here the Craft meet to retrospect the past, joyfully contemplate the present, and act for the future. "No lurking foe beyond the 'waters' to hinder or impede us in the erection of the edifice, the foundation of which has been laid by skilful hands in days of old, under the direction of the All-seeing Eye of Jehovah. How grateful then should we be to Him from whom all blessings flow. Our birth, education, and occupation in life may not be the same; our religious faith or political creed may differ; yet, with all these distinctions, in the sacred Tabernacle we are Companions. Our labor in this Institution is a labor of love.

"Our Order teaches the lesson to bear each other's burden, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the wants of the needy and the afflicted; to comfort as far as possible the weary pilgrim who is journeying with us over the rough and rugged paths of life toward the haven of rest. If we, as true and faithful Companions, perform all these duties, when our labor in this life shall end, we may expect to hear from the Grand High Priest above, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter within the veil, with all worthy Companions, in the fadeless beauties of the sanctuary above.' The tempest of war within our borders is now still, the clear heavens are over us again, and the genius of Masonry is welcomed throughout the land. Our ancient Order, in well-remembered accents, speaks to us again, and bids us not despair of the fulfilment of her early promise, nor of the final success of her hallowed mission.

"Your assemblage here at this Annual Convocation is a confession of our faith that Freemasonry has yet a mission, an altar, and a priesthood, in this world, and that our own loved country is to demonstrate this truth in a manner worthy of the mystic power on earth.

"There is an irrepressible charm in the word Companion or Brother that dispels all formality, where hand hurriedly meets hand, while the warm hearts respond as though it was but the renewing of acquaintance of former days. It is this vitalizing principle that renders it so desirable to meet in Grand Council to repledge ourselves for the proper discharge of all our obligations. May these our principles continue to stand forth in bold relief, to guide the weary sojourner in the celestial road to the temple of happiness."

He also states that he has issued "a circular to the Subordinate Chapters, forbidding the practice of the employing of Royal Arch Masons as substitutes for candidates in cases for 'exaltation.'" Also forbidding "the receiving or entertaining petitions of non-affiliated Master Masons for the Chapter Degrees," both of which rules we think might be adopted with advantage by this Grand Chapter. We also commend the following remarks to serious attention:—

"It has become an almost, I may say, universal custom, to ballot for the candidate and confer all the degrees upon him without giving the lecture as he advances. This is contrary to the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry, and should not be tolerated by the Grand Chapter. I would recommend that you make it obligatory on Subordinate Chapters, before the admission of candidates, to have them proficient in the preceding degrees before another is conferred. To the want of this principle or knowledge is chargeable the great dereliction of our Subordinates. It is not enough for the Companion to know that he has had the degree legally conferred, but he must know the several duties required of him by these degrees. And how shall he know them unless he is taught? And who shall teach him but the Chapter whose care he is under? How shall he know his Companion by the unerring rules, unless that information is given? How shall he convince or instruct others, if he is not taught? These things have been and are of daily occurrence, we are all aware. Let this Grand Chapter say that it shall no longer be a by-word and a reproach on Mississippi Royal Arch Masonry; that they confer degrees but do not impart such light that the Companions can travel and make themselves known with its aid. I would recommend that the candidate, before his admission to the First Chapter Degree, be required to give satisfactory evidence of his knowledge in the three symbolic degrees; and until he satisfies the Chapter of his proficiency, the degree should not be conferred. And the same rule to be carried out in all that follows.

"We have all witnessed the want of this knowledge in candidates, and also in visitors. It is not the fault of the candidate so

much as the Chapter conferring the degree. It is to be hoped you will take such action as the emergency requires, and endeavor to apply the remedy that will arrest this growing evil.

"We are aware that there is not that attention paid to the qualification and instruction of candidates in the preceding degrees, before advancement, necessary for the healthy and vigorous growth of Royal Arch Masonry; that too many are hurried through the several degrees without fully understanding the moral and sublime principles which they teach, and sent abroad without being able to impart the true light, or the means of making themselves known. The evil should be remedied."

# In closing, he says: -

"May the Grand Chapter of my native Mississippi flourish in renewed youth, youthfulness, and strength! Long may it continue to teach and cultivate the great truths contained in the Sacred Book of the Law; and finally, when the rough and rugged way on earth shall have ended, may we have our work well done; and when the great throne is set, and our Supreme High Priest shall take his seat to preside in the Council of that Grand Convocation above, and all the nations shall be assembled to be judged by that holy law, may we be in possession of the signet of truth and be admitted within the white veil of that holy sanctuary where incense burns continually, into the presence of the Grand Council, and find our names recorded in the book of eternal life."

Most of the business seems to have been such as has only a local interest. Charters were issued to six new Chapters. Duplicate Charters were also issued to eleven Chapters, the originals of which, some or all, were lost or destroyed during the late civil war. Three dispensations for new Chapters were also issued.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of M.E. Comp. Patten, Grand High Priest, embraces a review of fifteen Grand Chapters, ours not included. It is a very able and comprehensive report.

There are eighty-four Chapters in the State, embracing a membership of 3,174; exaltations during the year, 346; admissions, 113; reinstated, 27; dimitted, 347; expelled, 3; suspended, 426; died, 90.

M.E. William D. Ferris, of Deasonville, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Oscar T. Keeler, of Columbus, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

# MISSOURI.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its Annual Convocation at St. Louis, May 23d and 24th, 1866. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Samuel Russell, presided, with a representation from twenty Chapters.

An Address was delivered by Deputy Grand High Priest Russell, in which he dwells upon the imperfection of the work in some of the Subordinate Chapters, and urges the importance of perfecting it, so that all the Craft may know and appreciate, "in its full extent, the meaning, purpose, and significance of every sign, symbol, and ceremony, as taught by our Ancient Fathers." The following expression in the Address, "To this and the general decline of interest in Masonry, which was apparent during the war," etc., indicates a very different state of things, so far as Masonry is concerned, in Missouri during the war, from what existed in Massachusetts.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a very able review and sharp criticism upon the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, ours included, from the pen of Comp. George Frank Gourley. We quote from his opening comments.

"We find Royal Arch Masonry throughout the length and breadth of our land in a prosperous condition, and it is only

where we fear that prosperity has led some jurisdictions to daub with untempered mortar, and to build into our arches some stones that properly belong to the political pavement, that we have ventured to apply the rebuke of criticism. We have endeavored to give 'unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are His.' We have entered behind the sacred veils of our sacred tabernacle, and we deem them too pure and holy for the soiling hands of politics or the footprints of a wrangling world; and wherever we have found these signs we have not hesitated to point them out, whether put there by high or low in authority; and if we have spoken frankly it is because we cannot speak otherwise if we would, and we would not when in the performance of a solemn duty."

His review of some of the Addresses of Grand High Priests and Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence is quite caustic, and he is unsparing in his criticisms of all allusions which can be construed as having a political or sectional bearing, or expressions of sympathy with the Government. We agree with the general tenor of his remarks, but possibly it may be questioned by some whether there is not wanting in some of them a little of that masonic charity which he would have others exercise, and whether they do not betray his want of sympathy with the Government.

There appears to be twenty-eight Chapters in the jurisdiction; returns from twenty of which show a membership of 1,025; exaltations during the year, 188; admitted, 32; dimitted, 102; died, 18; suspended, 6; rejected, 10.

M.E. Samuel Russell, of St. Joseph, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Anthony O'Sullivan was re-elected Grand Secretary. Since then, this last-named honored Companion, who, at the time of this Convocation was in feeble health, has gone to reside in the Supreme Grand Chapter above, beloved, honored, and mourned by all who knew him.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State for 1866 and 1867, both under one cover. The Annual Convocation for 1866 was held at Concord on the 12th of June, M.E. Thomas E. Hatch, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ten Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, represents peace and harmony as prevailing within the jurisdiction. We find the following concerning a correspondence between the Grand High Priest of this State and himself:—

"During the past year, but one complaint has reached me of want of masonic courtesy on the part of any of the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction. Upon investigating the circumstances, I found the Chapter acted in good faith, but without sufficient circumspection. Suitable explanations were made to the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, who called my attention to this apparent want of comity on the part of one of our Chapters, and the matter was satisfactorily arranged."

We make the following interesting extract from the Address:—

"In January, I received a communication, through the Secretary of Trinity Chapter, from Companion Albert L. Long, of Constantinople, setting forth the state of Masonry in that city, and asking for advice in regard to establishing a Chapter there under an American Dispensation. I was greatly interested in this matter, and regretted that the regulations of the General Grand Chapter would not allow me to grant a Dispensation. I therefore contented myself with giving him the necessary instructions, and wishing him God speed in his noble and glorious undertaking. I was surprised to learn from his letter that Masonry is in such a flourishing condition in that place. He says, 'there are at present in this city two English, one Irish, two German, one French, one Italian, and one Greek Lodge, in working order. An attempt has

also been made to establish a Chapter under the English Constitutions. The wish has been expressed to see an American Lodge and an American Chapter established here.' I also learn from his letter that some time since a Charter was granted to some Companions residing in Smyrna, Asia, by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to open and hold a Chapter in that city, which Chapter was duly organized and has done good work."

We like the following suggestion, and would commend it to the attention of our own Grand Chapter:—

"I would also suggest that the Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter should be requested to deposit with the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the Charter under which the Chapter works. By so doing, the Charter, if lost by fire, could be replaced by a true copy of the original, which would be more highly valued in many cases than a new Charter."

Mention is made of the death of Past Grand High Priest Philemon Tooles, and M.E. John H. Steele, High Priest of Peterborough Chapter, and pages are set apart to their memory.

The business was of a local character. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a review by Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, of the Proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, and is principally made up of a brief synopsis of the transactions, with extracts from Addresses of Grand High Priests and Reports of Committees of Foreign Correspondence.

The returns of eleven Chapters show a membership of 980; exaltations during the year, 159.

M.E. Thomas E. Hatch, of Keene, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convocation for 1867 was held at Concord on the 11th of June, M.E. Thomas Hatch, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ten Chapters represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is devoted principally to a recital of his official acts. He says, "Nothing has arisen within our borders to call for any special notice, or to disturb in the least the even tenor of our ways." He reports that harmony and prosperity prevail. Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted. A resolution was adopted requiring an extra fee of \$5.00 of every candidate for whose benefit a Dispensation is granted to confer a degree out of the ordinary constitutional time.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is quite elaborate, covering ninety-seven pages. It is from the pen of Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, and is a courteous and discriminating review of the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts. Like almost all of the Reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he alludes to the fact that no Annual Address from the Grand High Priest appears in the Proceedings of our Grand Chapter. We copy the following comments, containing hints upon two or three points which it might be well for us to profit by. The omission of footings in the recapitulation of statistics, and of the residence of Grand Officers, are both of them very serious ones, as any one who undertakes to make a Report on Foreign Correspondence at least will find.

"One page in the pamphlet, headed 'recapitulation,' gives the name of Chapter, when chartered, number exalted, and number of members, but neither column of which is footed. We notice one other peculiarity, and one that strikes us as singular as peculiar: On page 56 of the pamphlet before us is a list headed 'Permanent Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.' Here follow lists of Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, and Past Grand Scribes, with dates of their holding office, numbering in all one hundred and fifty-seven, ninety-seven of whom are marked as deceased,

leaving sixty only as living. Now we cannot conceive how a man can retain membership of any earthly society for years after his decease. It looks to us like what in common parlance is called an 'Irish bull.' We would suggest to their Grand Secretary to head the list hereafter with 'Past Grand Officers,' &c., instead of 'Permanent Members,' &c.

"One other singular omission we noticed. Having carefully examined the Proceedings, we fail to find that the Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented to or authorized by the Grand Chapter, or alluded to in the Proceedings.

"M.E. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest, and E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary. We happened to knew that Companion Waterman resides in Boston, but the Proceedings fail to give the residence of any elective Grand Officer."

We quote the following from his concluding remarks: -

"It has afforded us great pleasure to witness the tone of feeling and manifestations of joy almost universally expressed by Companions in the North and in the South, who have so long been estranged, at the advent of peace, when they can again interchange mutual congratulations, and assemble around our sacred altar in full fellowship and hearts overflowing with charity and pure beneficence.

"We are sorry to say that in the course of our examinations we have, in some few instances, witnessed a want of that candor, manly dignity, masonic courtesy, and brotherly feeling that ought to characterise every Royal Arch Mason, and when we have met with the exhibition of any bitterness of feeling or any unkind and discourteous expressions from any quarter, we have been free to express our disapprobation, and protest in strong terms against the introduction of anything sectional, potitical, or sectarian, into any masonic production. We, however, have the charity to hope that the few instances of indiscretion we have noticed have been rather the result of a warm and impulsive temperament than a settled hostility and vindictiveness, and that a calm reflection and a recurrence to the heaven-born principles of our beloved Institution will restore good fellowship, peace, harmony, and brotherly

love between members of our time-honored Institution, throughout our common country and the whole habitable world.

"We are happy in being able to state that the utmost harmony prevails within the respective jurisdictions of Royal Arch Masonry whose Proceedings have reached us; and that those Grand and Subordinate Bodies who have suffered most by the unhappy conflict in which our country has been engaged are rallying around their altars, renewing their vows, and striving with all their means to retrieve their former prosperity; and may the God of peace bless them and crown their efforts with abundant success."

Returns from twelve Chapters show a membership of 1,146; exaltations during the year, 184—25 more than the previous year; and an increase of membership for the year of 166.

M.E. Nathaniel W. Cumner, of Manchester, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW JERSEY.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held at Trenton, September 11, 1867, M.E. Israel Baldwin, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifteen Chapters represented. There are Addresses by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe. Most of that of the Grand High Priest is devoted to a statement of his official acts and decisions. Some of these decisions may be applicable to that jurisdiction; but we should somewhat question the propriety or correctness of some of them, as the following, for instance:—

"2. In balloting for election of candidates, if a black ball appears, the ballot should be again spread; if it again appears, and there be any reasonable ground for supposing it was thrown

by accident or mistake, it may be spread a third time, and so continued at the discretion of the High Priest until the Companions are satisfied the black ball was thrown by design.

- "3. Every member of a Chapter has a right to vote. It therefore becomes the duty of the High Priest, when the ballot is spread for the election of applicants to membership, to inform members of committees who may be in adjoining apartments, and the Tyler of the Chapter, and invite them in to cast his or their vote. In case of the neglect of the High Priest to do so, the parties thus aggrieved have just cause of complaint. Under such complaint the High Priest may declare the election void, and order the ballot to be again spread.
- "5. Suspension from a Blue Lodge suspends from the Chapter without regard to the cause of suspension."

We are not surprised to find that a Committee to whom the same was referred should report as follows, and the Report be adopted by the Grand Chapter:—

- "2d. The Committee would recommend that in case the first ballot should be foul, that a second ballot may be taken. Should that prove the same, the candidate shall be rejected.
- "3d. The right of every member in good standing of a Chapter to vote is undeniable; but the Committee are satisfied that so much of the M.E. Grand High Priest's decision as affirms that the neglect of a High Priest of a Chapter to notify Companions outside of a Chapter room of an election taking place, would not invalidate such election, and accordingly so report.
- "5th. That suspension from a Blue Lodge, except upon charges preferred and proved, should not suspend a member from his rights and privileges as a member of a Chapter."

The closing part of the Address is an exhortation to live up to the tenets and principles of our Institution, and thus be prepared for the final rest. The Address of the Deputy Grand High Priest is largely devoted to the importance of an earnest, devoted, sincere, and impressive manner of conferring the degrees, and his remarks are so good that we copy a portion of them.

"It is a fact well known to every Mason that the first impressions received by a candidate when taking his degrees are the most lasting and endurable; it may almost be said that a Mason's masonic character is formed while he is passing through the various ceremonies of the several degrees. Let those degrees be conferred in a light, frivolous, and careless manner, and the useful, humane, and solemn lessons are received in such a manner as to create no deep or lasting impression upon his mind. was apparently taught and given in an indifferent manner, is received in manner and form as it was given, lightly given, lightly assumed and quickly forgotten; but let the candidate, while his mind is prepared to receive the revelations of the hidden mysteries, be taught that the obligations and the responsible duties which he voluntary assumes are of no light or trifling character or importance; let the impressive lessons be given with a sincere and earnest manner, and the impressions made upon the mind, at that time and under such circumstances, are as indelible and ineffaceable as the principles of Freemasonry itself."

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion Thomas J. Corson, is a review of the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, ours included, containing extracts, with discriminating comments, some of them quite touching, others caustic and expressive, though courteous. He pays the following compliment to our M.E. Companion Kimball:—

"We are extremely sorry to part with Companion Kimball, and lose him from the reportorial corps, for he is a good writer, and his criticisms are just and impartial, while they are always

couched in fraternal language, and give indubitable evidence that he is as clear of head as he is warm of heart."

He closes with a witty, poetical effusion, in which he summons the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from the various Grand Chapters to an imaginary convention, neatly weaving in the name of each, with pleasant personal allusions.

We do not find in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter any statistical recapitulation or summary of the work done by the Chapters; but from a list of the Chapters we make a footing, showing a membership in 16 of the 19 Chapters named, of 1,018; exaltations, 207.

M.E. J. V. Mattison, M.D., of Washington, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Woolverton, M.D., of Trenton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York held its Annual Convocation at Albany, February 5, 1867, M.E. Horace S. Taylor, Grand High Priest, presiding, with representatives from one hundred and fifteen chartered Chapters, and nine U.D. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says:—

"We should be devoutly thankful that so many of the beloved and venerable Companions who have for so many years given character and dignity to our Grand Chapter are to-day permitted to meet with us. We greet them year by year with joy and gladness, and we part with them with regret, feeling that our intercourse with them on earth must soon be ended. They have watched over our Institution through the dark and gloomy days of opposition and calumny, and have by their inflexible integrity and dignity of character caused all men to respect it."

In speaking of the work, he says, "The growth of our Chapters exceeds that of any former year since the organization of this Grand Chapter." He also says:—

"A good degree of harmony has prevailed in our Chapters during the year. In only one instance, and that an unimportant one, have I been called upon to interpose my authority."

This speaks well for the harmony of this large jurisdiction. He further says:—

"Our relations with all the Grand Chapters of the several States are of the most amicable kind. We are renewing our intercourse with our Companions in the Southern States, which was so unhappily suspended by the late war. And I am happy to state that the kind feelings which prevail among us towards our Southern brethren are cordially reciprocated by them."

Dispensations for seven new Chapters were granted during the year.

Among the decisions made by the Grand High Priest, are the following: —

- "1. A Master Mason who has lost an arm or leg cannot receive the Chapter Degrees.
- "There is nothing novel in this decision. It has been so decided by all my predecessors who have had occasion to consider the question, and by the Grand Chapter. But very many of our gallant soldiers, who are Master Masons, have returned from the service of their country maimed and crippled, and thus incapacitated from proceeding further in the sublime researches of Masonry. And one of the most disagreeable duties which my office has obliged me to perform during the past year has been to withhold my consent to the applications of High Priests to confer the Chapter Degrees upon Master Masons thus situated; and I have thought proper to notice the subject here, that such applicants may learn that nothing less than an insurmountable obstacle, founded upon the nature of the degrees themselves and the prin-

ciples of Royal Arch Masonry, would induce us to close our doors against those whom we would so much delight to honor.

- "2. When a candidate has been favorably reported on by a committee, and duly elected in a Chapter, the High Priest may confer the degrees at any meeting of the Chapter. But when the candidate presents himself to receive the first, or any subsequent degree, any member of the Chapter may call for a new ballot, when, if one or more black balls appear, the conferring of the degree shall be postponed to a future Convocation. But it is not necessary that it shall be postponed for three months, or any other definite period beyond the next regular Convocation.
- "3. It is the duty of a High Priest to maintain order in his Chapter, and if necessary to accomplish this, he may refuse admission to a member of his Chapter, or cause an offending member to be removed from the Chapter room. But if a member of his Chapter is announced at the door, he has no right to exclude him merely because another member objects to his admission."

These being referred to the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, they reported upon them as follows:—

- "1. The first decision is settled masonic law, and therefore correct, and scarcely needs our action. The distinction is not made between advancement in the Craft Degrees and receiving the Chapter Degrees, in the minds of Companions.
- "2. As to the second decision, we are constrained to think that it would not be the law in the Craft Degrees; and as we know of no other test to apply to it, we differ from the Grand High Priest in opinion as to the effect of the ballot for the Mark Degree.
- "3. As to the third decision, we think it should be understood with the qualification distinctly expressed in the decision, that the refusal to admit should not be merely upon the ground that a Companion objects; a reason should be assigned for the objection."

The first of these decisions seems to accord with a pretty well settled principle in most of the Grand Jurisdictions. As

to the second, we think the Report of the Committee is not very clear as to the course to be pursued, but cannot think the decision of the Grand High Priest correct.

A Committee appointed for that purpose had, during the year, secured the passage of a law by the State Legislature, authorizing Masonic Bodies in that State to hold, manage, sell, and convey such real and personal estate as may be necessary for their purposes, which law the Subordinate Chapters are, by resolution, recommended to avail themselves of.

The deaths of Companions Joseph Enos and Dan. S. Wright, Past Grand Officers, were announced, and resolutions of respect passed.

The following question having been submitted, the Grand Council gave an affirmative reply, which was subsequently indorsed by the Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred. The question was as follows:—

"Whether a Companion Royal Arch Mason, applying for admission as a visitor to a Chapter under this jurisdiction, he hailing from a Chapter under the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter recognized by this Grand Body, may be admitted, without regard to race or color?"

The Committee say, and the Grand Chapter concurred, -

"The question presented to the Grand Council and decided affirmatively by them, as to the admission of a regularly exalted Companion as a visitor in a Chapter, without regard to race or color, is fully approved by us. A Companion, regularly exalted in a duly constituted Chapter, cannot be excluded on account of race or color merely; but any member of a Chapter may object to the admission of a visitor, without assigning any reason, and the objection would be valid."

In this we fully concur, with a special emphasis on the last clause, as we hold that no member of a masonic body

can be unseated by the admission of a visitor objectionable to him.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a succinct review of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, from the pen of Companion Joseph White, and closes with the following:—

- "In conclusion, your Committee rejoice to say that the expectation we expressed in our last year's Report of friendly greetings from all sections of our country has, in the main, been realized. A few sentences, both North and South, we wish had been omitted; they are past; let them be forgotten; and turn with a full assurance of masonic union under the shelter of the Parent Tree, the offspring emulous only who best can work and best agree.
- "Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the State of New York will, in the future, as she has ever done in the past, use every effort to perfect and maintain that harmony and concord among Companions and Brethren which should ever be a distinguishing characteristic of the Masonic Fraternity."

Returns from one hundred and twenty-six Chapters show a membership of 9,490, and 1,963 exaltations, during the year.

- R.E. John O. Cole, for more than forty years the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, having stated that he should be compelled to decline serving any longer, the following resolution was passed:—
- "Resolved, That in view of the invaluable and faithful services of Companion John O. Cole, as Grand Secretary for forty-two years, over twenty-five of which was with a merely nominal compensation, (and during which he in fact preserved the life of the Grand Chapter,) this Grand Chapter do now, as a slight testimonial and just compensation for his services, appropriate to him the sum of five thousand dollars."

Subsequently, a Committee appointed for the purpose reported a series of resolutions, which were passed, more

fully expressive of the sense of the Grand Chapter's obligations to, sympathy with, and regard for him.

M.E. Seymour H. Stone, of Syracuse, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. John O. Cole, of Albany, Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Wilmington, June 4 and 5, 1866. B. Waterhouse, Grand High Priest, in the chair, with eleven chartered Chapters represented, and representatives from six The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, calls attention to the fact that candidates are hurried through the degrees without being sufficiently instructed or required to learn the Ritual and perfect themselves in the Work, and recommends that the "Grand Chapter take such action as will not allow a Subordinate Chapter to confer the degrees upon any brother who cannot stand a good examination as a Master Mason; also compel the applicant to exhibit a specimen of his skill in each degree, before advancing." To this the Grand Chapter responded by the passage of the following, something similar to which we should like to see adopted in this jurisdiction: -

"Resolved, That no Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer the Chapter Degrees upon any brother who is not thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice's, Fellow Craft's, and Master Mason's Degrees, and with all the means of recognition practised among Master Masons.

"Resolved, That no Subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall confer any of the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, until the brother taking the degree is thoroughly conversant with each and all of the preceding degrees conferred in the Chapter.

"Resolved, That a violation of either of the preceding resolutions on the part of a Subordinate Chapter shall cause the forfeiture of its Charter."

Dispensations for four new Chapters were granted during the year. Several of the Chapters in this jurisdiction suffered much from the effects of the late war, and the following preamble and resolution, which explain themselves, were passed.

"Whereas, Several of the Subordinate Chapters in the eastern portion of this Grand Jurisdiction have had their buildings and furniture destroyed and their organizations broken up during the late war, and the members thereof scattered, so that it may and most probably will be years before they will be resuscitated; and whereas, many of the former members of said Chapters will, doubtless, wish to connect themselves with other Chapters; therefore—

"Resolved, That any Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction may, upon the application for membership of any of the late members of a dormant Chapter, upon the best evidence that the petitioner may be able to produce of his late membership in such dormant Chapter, receive and act upon such petitiou, without requiring the production of a regular dimit."

The Charters of those Chapters that had not met during the previous masonic year, or which had failed for the last two years to make returns, were declared forfeited, some of the Chapters having failed to make returns for six or eight years.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion Alfred Martin, reviews the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, ours included, in a kind, courteous, and discriminating manner. We quote from his closing remarks:—

"Companions, we have completed our examination of such of the Transactions of our sister Grand Chapters as have been placed before us, upon which, as we progressed, we have made a sort of running commentary, necessarily very brief, and without time for reflection. In those Proceedings we see reflected the views and feelings of the great mass of our Companions in all sections of this vast masonic domain, embodied and expressed by the masterminds of the Fraternity. From these we may form reliable conclusions in regard to the sentiments of our Companions everywhere, upon all subjects connected with the great interests of our Institu-And here we naturally expected to find expressed the feelings entertained towards us by our Companions of the several Grand Jurisdictions between which and our own a bloody and desolating war of four years' duration has been raging. expectation we have not been disappointed, and we cannot close our Report without expressing the gratification we have experienced at finding in them, almost without an exception, the warmest expressions of fraternal regard and of pleasure in the prospect of again renewing the friendly and social intercourse that formerly characterized our great masonic family."

After speaking of the fact that since the close of the war a spirit of vindictiveness had still been shown by many persons and prints, he adds:—

"This feeling has been fostered and inculcated through the press, political and religious, — from the pulpit, the rostrum, and all the other mediums of operating upon the public mind, — until we feel that we may justly hold ourselves excused for indulging the fear that our masonic brethren and Companions had not escaped the infection. The evidence before us of the humanizing, Christianizing influence of Masonry upon the minds and affections of men has, however, effectually dispelled all doubts and established our faith upon an immovable basis.

"If, therefore, we are true to our Institution and to ourselves, and receive these tokens of fraternal brotherhood in the cordial spirit of reciprocity, we may dismiss all further apprehension in regard to the future prosperity and usefulness of our great and good Institution. The events of the late war have given an impetus to Masonry that will elevate it high above the most exalted

position that it has ever occupied before, in this or perhaps in any other country, and its benign influence may yet accomplish more in removing sectional prejudices and establishing peace and good-will among men than our most enthusiastic faith in its power has ever led us to hope for."

We find no tabular statistics of the membership and work of the Chapters, but from the Report gather the following: Returns from twenty-one of the forty-two Chapters which it would seem there are in the jurisdiction, indicate 150 exaltations; 13 rejected. M.E. Alfred Martin, of Wilmington, was elected Grand High Priest, and Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### OHIO.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Toledo, October 11–15, 1866. M.E. George Rex, Grand High Priest, presiding, and some seventy Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, after acknowledging dependence upon and thankfulness to the Supreme Being, alluded to the death of Past Grand High Priest William B. Hubbard, a distinguished Mason, who died at his residence in Columbus, January 5, 1866, and pays a deserved tribute to his memory. The Grand High Priest reviews somewhat at length the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and certain proposed amendments to its Constitution, and recommends that the Grand Chapter instruct its delegates how to vote upon them. Subsequently the Grand Chapter by vote instructed them to vote against the proposed amendments.

Six Dispensations for new Chapters were granted.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Howard Matthews, and reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, ably and somewhat at length. He closes with the following, and the resolutions were adopted.

- "Having discharged the duty assigned to us, although very imperfectly, we feel that it has been a source of unalloyed pleasure, and while we shall close it with reluctance, we feel that we cannot do it more appropriately than by presenting for adoption the following resolutions:—
- "Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Ohio greets her sister Grand Chapters of the United States with expressions of brotherly love and kindness, and trusts that the unfortunate and terrible memories of the past may be forgotten, and that there may never again be any contention amongst us 'but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.'
- "Resolved, That this Grand Chapter promptly responds to the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, to co-operate in any endeavors that may be initiated by other Grand Bodies to assuage any lingering bitterness of feeling that may still exist between the two recently hostile sections of the country, by bringing into play the powerful yet soothing influences of the mild and benignant precepts of Royal Arch Masonry."

We find no statistics of the Chapters, the membership, or the work, except that in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we find a table of statistics for the various Grand Chapters in which Ohio is included, as having a membership of 3,659 and 528 exaltations. There appear to be about ninety Chapters in the State.

M.E. George Rex, of Wooster, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### OREGON.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, June 24, 1867. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, the

Deputy Grand High Priest, B. F. Brown, presided, with five Chapters represented. There seems to be nothing in the Address of the Deputy Grand High Priest, or in the Proceedings, having anything more than a local interest. During the year, Companion A. Holbrook, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was removed by death; but there is a brief but very good review of the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, ours not included, by Companion B. F. Brown, Deputy Grand High Priest. It is made up principally of extracts, addresses, reports, and decisions contained in the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, with some very judicious comments.

Returns from five Chapters show a membership of 149; exaltations, 16; admitted, 4; dimitted, 9; died, 3.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have the Proceedings of the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter for the years 1862, 1866, and 1867. That for 1862 was held at Charleston, February 11, M.E. Albert G. Mackey, M.D., Grand High Priest, presiding, with twelve Chapters represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is not published. No Dispensations for new Chapters were granted during the year. There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence. Returns from twelve Subordinate Chapters show a membership of 370, with six exaltations only. From the Report of the Grand Secretary, we make the following extract:—

"For the first time since the new organization of our Order, our assemblage in Annual Grand Convocation is not attended with those felicitous circumstances that characterized preceding ones. The troublous state of the times, the great difficulties with which our beloved country is struggling, affecting all conditions of our citizens and causing most serious and injurious interruption to

their avocations, have operated upon our Order and most seriously interrupted its prosperity. Many Companions who were wont to unite in the formation of the fraternal chain around our altar and participate in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter have been debarred the enjoyment of the privileges they so highly ap-At the call of their country, they most willingly relinguished all the endearments of home and the pursuits of lucrative business, to endure the hardships of the camp, so that they might repel the invaders of her soil; consequently, many of the Subordinate Chapters have been compelled to suspend their Convo-Few degrees have, therefore, been conferred the past The representation of twelve Chapters, with nearly all the Grand Officers, at this Annual Grand Convocation affords, however, matter of great congratulation. Before the next Annual Grand Convocation, it is devoutly hoped that peace will revisit our dear country, and that our beloved Order will soon be again in a highly prosperous condition."

M.E. Albert G. Mackey, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Ebenezer Thayer, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Annual Convocation for 1863 was postponed by order of the M.E. Grand High Priest, and a circular to that effect issued, from which we make the following extract, as tending to show the difficulties under which our Companions in some of the States labored during the late war.

"The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, having taken into serious consideration the unsettled state of the country, together with the facts that nearly all the Subordinate Chapters have suspended labor during the past year; that the treasury of the Grand Chapter is entirely empty, while it is burdened with a heavy debt; that there is no business of any importance to be laid before that body; and that it is utterly impossible to pay the per diem and mileage allowance of the Representatives, should any come to the Annual Grand Convocation, has determined, with great reluctance, to exercise the high prerogative of his office, and to

postpone the approaching Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter until such time as the representatives can be called together, with a reasonable prospect of paying their expenses and liquidating the debts now pressing upon that body."

The next Convocation seems to have been held February 13 and 14, 1866, at Charleston, M.E. Albert G. Mackey, Grand High Priest, presiding, and ten Chapters represented. The Address of the Grand High Priest was verbal, and is not printed. At this Convocation the following was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution:—

"And any Royal Arch Mason not affiliated to a Symbolic Lodge for more than twelve (12) months shall not be allowed to hold masonic communication with any Chapter; and, if a member thereof, shall forfeit his membership."

The Proceedings show the Grand Chapter to be in a crippled condition. Many of the Subordinate Chapters had, during the war, suffered the loss of their Charters and all their effects, and were unable to meet their obligations to the parent Body. The books and papers of the Grand Treasurer had been destroyed, and they found it necessary to raise, by an assessment on the Subordinate Chapters, \$325, to pay current expenses.

Returns for 1866 from twelve Chapters showed a membership of 414; 61 exaltations; 8 dimitted, and 10 deaths.

Resolutions of respect were passed at both of these Convocations to the memory of several deceased Companions, among them Past General Grand High Priest Samuel Gilman, General Grand Secretary S. G. Risk, and Companion David Ramsey, Past Grand Scribe and Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland near this Body.

M.E. Albert G. Mackey and R.E. Ebenezer Thayer, both of Charleston, were re-elected respectively to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 12 and 13, 1867, under somewhat more encouraging prospects than the two previous ones, though still somewhat depressing. M.E. Albert G. Mackey, Grand High Priest, presided at the opening, with fourteen Chapters represented, and delivered his Annual Address, from which we make the following extract:—

"I am sorry to say that I have no flattering report to make of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the State. The long-continued strife in our land pressed heavily on the condition of our Chapters, almost all of which had, during the war, been suspended, and they have not returned to labor, as I had hoped they would have done, upon the restoration of peaceful relations. A few, however, have been resuscitated, and the revival will, I trust, be continued certainly, although slowly, until all our altars shall have been re-erected."

We also make the following extract from the closing portion of his Address, as an index of the long, faithful, and arduous labors of our esteemed and distinguished Companion Mackey:—

- "As this day will be the last of an official connection with you that has lasted for twenty years, you will tolerate me for a few moments while I advert to the pressing events of that long period of time.
- "When I was first elected Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, there were but three Subordinate Chapters on its roll, one of which had, however, long ceased to work, and its name was preserved on the register only because it was necessary to recognize its proxy so as to secure a quorum.
- "At the commencement of the war, the number of Chapters in this State amounted to twenty-five. All of these, excepting three, I have personally organized. I have, in the course of my official duty, visited every Chapter in the State, many of them repeatedly; have instructed them in the work, and may, I think, without arrogance, claim that the present organization of Royal Arch

Masonry in this State has been produced by my personal labor and teaching.

- "I say this, not in a spirit of boasting, but simply to you, many of whom have entered our Order long after my early labors had begun, the record may be given that, as your presiding officer, I have sought to do my duty. And now, after so much labor performed, and such a testimony of the interest I have taken in your welfare, I think this, I am entitled to retire from the field and take my rest.
- "At the last Annual Grand Convocation, when, for the eleventh time I was re-elected to the honorable post which I had so long held, I then expressed my supreme desire that, at the present Convocation, you would determine on my successor.
- "Nothing has occurred during the past year to cause me to change my views or revoke my determination. Therefore, while I thank you for past kindness, and invoke on you in the future the blessing and protection of the High Priest of Heaven and Earth, I respectfully announce that, under no considerations whatever, will I be considered, at the present Convocation, a candidate for re-election."

A Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion R. S. Bruns, who says it is the first Special Report ever made by such a Committee, it having been the previous practice for the Grand High Priest to review the Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters only in his Annual Address, though he approves the plan now adopted of a report by a committee. The Report is a most kind and fraternal, as well as very able, review of the Proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, ours included. From his opening remarks we cannot forbear to copy the following:—

"We proceed, accordingly, to review, seriatim, the reports of the workings of our sister Chapters in the United States, which have reached us in their several Reports. Our Reports must necessarily be summary, regarding only their most important details.

"From those of the South, and for reasons which will no doubt occur to you all, but very few of the reported Proceedings have come to hand. It is possible that as yet but very few have been made. This is due, no doubt, to the fact that the work of reorganization, since the war, has been obstructed by many embarrassments, and that the financial condition of many of the Grand Chapters has not been such as to permit them to publish their Proceedings. In both these respects, however, there has been a manifest improvement, and we look forward confidently to their speedy rehabilitation.

"Masonry at large, throughout our country, is in a most flourishing condition, and we are glad to be able to report that the sentiments generally expressed by the Grand High Priests in Northern jurisdictions are such as do honor to that large spirit of charity which is the just boast of our Order. But we regret to notice that, in a few instances, a narrow sectional feeling has exhibited itself in the form of a harsh and ungenerous attack upon the character of the Southern people. It is not this spirit which will heal the wounds of a country still sore and bleeding; nor is it by such expressions that a cordial and harmonious sentiment of brotherly love is likely to be developed. If we have erred in any respect in the past, we have paid, and are still paying, a heavy penalty for our fault; and no brave or honest man - no true Mason, in a word - will be guilty of the cowardice of striking at those who are already prostrate. Rather will he extend to every fallen sufferer the hand of sympathy, and do all in his power to repair the broken state and soothe the wounded feelings of those whose very defencelessness forbids attack.

"Let us trust and pray that we shall not again be called upon to refer to any expression of sentiment or feeling inconsistent with the vital principles of our Order; but rather hope that Masons everywhere will unite, and cordially unite, in the noble work of succoring the distressed and healing those that be sick, making the lame to walk and the blind to see.

" In this work of divine charity, in the grateful task of collect-

ing the scattered fragments of our ruined temples, and rebuilding them in their old and fair proportions, Masonry will be fulfilling her truest, her most sacred mission, and will thus present to the world of humanity the rare example of universal fellowship, wrought out by the force of principles legitimately derived from, and scarcely second in value to those which He taught on earth, who continually went about doing good. Then may Masonry, with a lofty and reasonable pride in the good it has accomplished, say: 'When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me,' 'because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.' 'The blessing of Him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.'"

We indorse most cordially and fully the sentiments here expressed, and would further commend to especial attention the following noble words, in his conclusion, to which we most heartily respond, Amen! so mote it be!

"Your committee have performed the task assigned them with care and diligence, if not with ability. In closing their Report they take leave to urge upon the Chapters the utmost zeal in the resumption of their labors, which for several years could not properly be pursued. It will also be well to remember that the times are such as to require the utmost exercise of toleration and indulgence among themselves, and towards their fellow-citizens as well as Companions. In the universal distress which prevails, and the general deficiency of resources, we should especially set the example of good will, kindness, charity, and love, and forbear even the prosecution of a right, when such prosecution can be urged only at the expense of humanity. Nor will it be amiss if we counsel the Companions and Brethren of the Chapters and Lodges in our sister States to the avoidance of all expressions of political opinion which may wound the pride or the sensibilities, or occasion strife among citizens and brethren. We renew the declaration, so frequently made before, that we desire nothing more earnestly than peace, love, and charity with all Masons, in all States and nations; that we pray for the restoration of peace

and of the ancient ties of brotherhood, which bound us together in better times as one. And we give the assurance from the very bottom of our hearts that we will earnestly and honestly strive to reknit the four-fold cord of faith and fraternity which Masonry has alone been able to weave around its people for so many thousand years unbroken. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven give us the proper strength to keep our vows, and maintain our cords unbroken as our faith."

A resolution was adopted requiring every Mark Master, within three months after his admission, to select and record his mark in the Book of Marks kept by the Chapter. This is a thing very much neglected. Might it not be well for our own jurisdiction to make some standing rule upon this subject.

Returns from fourteen Subordinate Chapters show a membership of 408; exaltations, 71.

Resolutions of thanks having been passed to M.E. Companion Mackey for his long and faithful services, and regretting his determination not again to be a candidate for re-election, as well as providing for a suitable testimonial to him, the Grand Chapter proceeded to elect Grand Officers, and M.E. R. S. Bruns, of Charleston, was elected Grand High, Priest, and R.E. Ebenezer Thayer, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

## TENNESSEE.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee held its Annual Convocation (called both "session" and "meeting," in the Report,—we wish we could all agree uniformly to use the word "convocation," which, we think, is the right one) at Nashville, October 11, 1867, M.E. Jonathan L. Dawson, Grand High Priest, presiding, and sixty-four Chapters represented. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is principally.

devoted to a recital of his official acts, and not of general interest to others outside of that jurisdiction. The following closing paragraph is indicative of the condition of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction:—

"Congratulating you, then, beloved Companions on the prosperity of our Order, evinced by the fact that but one appeal is before you, while there is an increase of Chapters, and consequently a larger attendance than at any former Grand Chapter, let us so live that after passing death, the twilight of eternity, we may enter on its bright side, to be always in the presence of the Grand Council, who, in the beginning said, 'Let there be light,' and light was."

Dispensations were granted for seven new Chapters.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Companion Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary, is a review of the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters, ours included. It is made up largely of extracts, but the comments are judicious and discriminating, kind and fraternal, and indicate a clear head and a warm heart, beating with the true principles of masonic charity. It is one of the best we have seen, and we sincerely hope it may not be the last from his pen. We quote his closing remarks, and most earnestly grasp "the hand of cordial and fraternal greeting" which he extends.

"And here we lay down the pen. We have had our 'say,' and commit the result of our labors to the tender mercies of our Companions. The writer makes no apology for the imperfect manner in which the Report is presented, for he is conscious that the most humble would not excuse him. Be this as it may; the preparation of it has served to while away the tediousness of a sick room, the labor being performed under the pressure of a long lingering disease, that is slowly though surely sapping and wearing away the foundations of life. Our Companions remembering this, to them is committed the task of reviewing and pronouncing judgment on our labors.

"To our confreres of other jurisdictions we once more — possibly for the last time — extend the hand of cordial and fraternal greeting, assuring them that the kind expressions of commendation so frequently received from them have been as gratefully regarded as the thirsty and weary traveller appreciates a well-spring of cooling water in the dry and arid desert."

The abstract of Returns for sixty-four Chapters shows a membership of 3,127; exaltations, 508; admissions, 96; withdrawals, 154; suspensions, 20; expulsions, 3; deaths, 35.

M.E. Townsend A. Thomas, of Clarksville, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Charles A. Fuller re-elected Grand Secretary.

## VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Richmond, December 13, 1866, M.E. George W. Dame, Grand High Priest, presiding, with sixteen Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address, says:—

"The Subordinate Chapters under your jurisdiction are gradually recovering from the effects of the wild and unbridled passions of man, and we trust the ennobling principles of our Institution may be mighty in building up, not only our Companions, but also society itself, on the firm basis of truth and justice. Those Chapters whose Charters had been destroyed or lost during the invasion of our State have, on application, been supplied by the Eminent Grand Secretary with duplicates, and there is now nothing to hinder their active exertions and successful work in that department of the masonic vineyard to which the Royal Arch Chapter has been wisely assigned. Several Dispensations for new Chapters have been granted, and there is satisfactory evidence that this branch of the Institution is on the increase." He dwells upon the want of perfection and uniformity of the work of the degrees, and the importance of conferring them, "so as to impress deeply those principles which, in our way, we desire to inculcate." He also takes strong ground against the tendency to too hasty admission of candidates and the multiplying of Royal Arch Masons; and he thinks that, though the relaxing of the rule that none but actual Past Masters should receive this degree may have been wise at the time, the revocation of it "long ere this day would have been equally wise." He goes on to say,—

"The standard of Royal Arch Masonry is entirely too low. Justice demands that it should be raised, and that a strict discipline should be enforced in reference to the unworthy who are within, and a closer scrutiny exercised towards those who shall in future knock at its portal. None should be allowed to enter there who are not worthy, on account of their high moral character, their zeal for the Institution, their thorough knowledge of the whole Ritual of the Symbolic Degrees, and their intelligence, to receive a special mark of honor. We may not be able to undo the injury that has been done either to the name Royal Arch or to Symbolic Masonry, yet we can do something to restore it to its former position of high and deserved honor, and make it prove an incentive to the members of the Lodge to improve themselves and become more active and more useful Masons. suggest that the Grand Chapter require that the moral and masonic qualifications of candidates for the Capitular Degrees be such as we have reason to believe to belong to a Worshipful Master who had, as such, served his time with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity. Such a regulation would require a candidate to have from his Lodge, on secret ballot, a clear declaration that they considered him as one whose past zeal, high moral character, and great masonic proficiency entitled him to be honored by exaltation to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch. In addition to which, I would require that the Council of the Chapter, in the presence of the Companions of the Chapter, should give a rigid and thorough examination on the whole work

and lectures of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and in masonic law and history, and only after perfect satisfaction of his proficiency in these things should the Council recommend the candidate for exaltation. This, or some similar course, would in a few years make the Body of Royal Arch Masons one of high masonic intelligence, skilful Masons, and proper exponents of true masonic character.

"The adoption of a plan of this kind might hinder for a time the rapid growth of Chapters and multiplication of Royal Arch Masons; but it would make the few who are exalted to that honorary degree vastly more valuable than countless numbers of masonic ciphers. The name Royal Arch would be a title of high honor, and the degree restored to its normal condition, and prove a vast blessing to the whole Institution."

Some of these statements are pretty strong, and some that we have not quoted indicate in a still stronger light that the standard for Capitular Masonry has not been up to what it is with us; but yet there is much in them, we fear, which would apply with some force to other localities and jurisdictions than Virginia, and the plan proposed would raise the standard greatly.

Dispensations were granted for five new Chapters during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Companions William B. Isaacs and Josiah Carlton. They acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. The Report is brief, and after the opening consists principally of the grouping together under the heads of "Shadow" and "Light," very brief extracts from Addresses of Grand High Priests, and Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence of other jurisdictions, showing something of the shadows that the events of the last four or five years have cast upon their Temples, and of the beamings of light borne to them upon the wings of peace, and in the fraternal greetings which

spring forth as the natural fruits of Masonry at the first dawnings of this peace. We quote from the opening remarks. Acknowledging the receipt of various Grand Lodge Proceedings, they go on to say:—

"From a hasty perusal of their contents, they find few questions discussed or decided on masonic law, jurisprudence, or usage, that have not heretofore been decided by this Grand Chapter. The addresses of the presiding officers pay a proper and becoming tribute to the abounding mercies of God in permitting them again to assemble around the sacred triangle in peace, after four long and dreary years of turmoil and strife. We gather from their local items the gratifying information that Capitular Masonry is prosperous and healthy throughout their several jurisdictions. Many, very many, caution their subordinates and we would commend the admonition to the Chapters under this jurisdiction - on the impropriety of hasty admission of candidates, which has become prevalent throughout the land, within the sacred veils of our Tabernacle, and the equally hurried manner in which they are carried from degree to degree with such instruction, only, as they receive in passing. This ought not so to be. The Craftsman who can pass the Grand Overseer's Square as true work and square work is, by the time he reaches the sanctum sanctorum, in a large majority of cases, by the confusion of sounds and ceremonies which gather so rapidly around him, rendered unfit work for the Temple. A knowledge of the work at least should be a pre-requisite before passing from one degree to another. This, independently of being directly beneficial to the candidate, might stimulate a desire on his part to become familiar with the practical and theoretical meaning of our symbols and allegories, without which none can be said to be an accomplished Royal Arch Companion."

We quote also the following: -

"Companions, shall Virginia Masous be behind-hand in this fraternal contest to see who can best work and who best agree? Never! To our sister Grand Chapters throughout the world, we greet thee; and to our companions of New Jersey, we hail thee,

and claim that you shall 'move up your chairs' closer and closer, for all your sisters, and together we will 'thank God the mystic chain of Grand Chapters is now entire — not a single link missing. Let us burn the yule-log and be merry, for our family circle is complete; and Royal Arch Masons, from the bluffs of Maine to the golden shores of California, are one harmonious whole. May the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth grant that thus it may ever continue to be, and that peace and good fellowship may ever exist between us."

The Order of High Priesthood is conferred in this jurisdiction by the Past or Present High Priest, as a part of the Installation. A Committee of Past High Priests have charge of the degree also, with power, as we understand, to confer it, as in a Convention of High Priests.

The returns seems to be very imperfect, and we find no abstract of them, or statement of the work done, but we figure out a membership in twenty Chapters of 1,539, with no returns from some twenty more.

M.E. Rev. George W. Dame, of Danville, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Dove, of Richmond, re-elected Grand Secretary.

# VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation ("session") of this Grand Chapter was held at Burlington, October 3, 1866. In the absence of the M.E. Grand High Priest, Leverett B. Englesby, M.E. Edward S. Dana presided. Twelve of the fourteen Chapters of the State were represented. Though not able to be present himself, the Grand High Priest sent in a written Address, from which we make the following extracts:—

"There have never been any disturbing influences at work that I am aware of. The Subordinate Chapters appear to have pursued the even tenor of their ways, transacting their business with

care, and having a fair measure of prosperity. Such prosperity is all that we could desire, for you will all agree that numbers alone are not a fair criterion of successful progress, but the quality and spirit by which they are animated. With the right spirit, we have everything; without it, nothing. The spirit of fraternity, of love for and desire to improve humanity in all its phases, making of qurselves and our Institution such and so much that its influence may be felt as an instrument of good in every community where it exists. In so far as we effect this we realize the purposes of our institution; in so far as we fail, we fall short thereof.

"Some day, our masonic history will be written. Let it be such that we and those who come after us may read it with pride, as the record of the doings of men desirous of knowing their whole duty to their fellows, and knowing, to perform. No prouder record can any man or body of men make than this. The quarries in which you are to delve are before you; upon the specimens which you present therefrom impress no uncertain marks."

Companion Joshua Britton, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a Report, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, ours included. It embraces a brief synopsis of their doings, with extracts from Addresses, etc.

We find no abstract of returns, but, from such information as the Report furnishes, we learn that in twelve Chapters reported there seems to be a membership of 914.

M.E. Edward S. Dana, of New Haven, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Milwaukee, February 6, 1867, M.E. David H.

Wright presiding, with twenty-eight chartered Chapters represented, and four U.D. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest contains much that is interesting, and we think we cannot do better than to make a few extracts.

"The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the Royal Craft. In every part of this jurisdiction the utmost harmony prevails, and I do not know of a single discordant element that mars the harmony of the beautiful structure, whose foundations have been laid so broad and deep by the superior skill of those Master Builders, whose wisdom erected this magnificent Temple at whose shrine we are wont to worship."

In speaking of the *status* of persons claiming to have been made Royal Arch Masons in Military Chapters during the late war, he says:—

"In all cases submitted to me I have held that the same rule must govern in Capitular Masonry that has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, and that such Royal Arch Masons were clandestine. I would respectfully recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as will best secure to such persons all the rights they are legitimately entitled to, and, if thought necessary and proper, make suitable provision for their being healed."

Subsequently the Grand Chapter passed the following: —

"Resolved, That all persons claiming to be Royal Arch Masons, who have been made in so-called Army Chapters, are hereby declared to be clandestine. And no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall hereafter admit such, either as visitors or members, unless they shall have been regularly healed."

We quote again from the Address of the Grand High Priest.

"In Masonry, every lesson taught is calculated to make man better and purer, to inspire him with higher and holier thoughts and aspirations, to lead him to the *Great Fountain* of truth, and while receiving those lessons, so dear to the heart of every intelligent member of the Craft, whatever tends to draw his thoughts from the impression intended to be conveyed is an innovation, and is calculated to debase rather than to exalt, and should receive the united condemnation of every member of the Craft. Your attention has so often been called by my predecessors to the wholesale and indiscriminate manner of conferring the Chapter Degrees, that it would seem to be almost a work of supererogation for me to mention the matter here. But I cannot let this opportunity pass without one word of caution.

"Standing, as it were, upon the walls of our beautiful Temple, I think I can see in this much danger to the perpetuity of our Institution. Where so much material is brought up for inspection, some that is unworthy, and will not stand the test of the Great Overseer's Square, must necessarily find its way into the walls of the building, instead of being rejected and thrown over among the rubbish. Masonry is becoming too common. This is a fast age. Men become fanatic in everything, - in politics, in religion, and even in Masonry! Let us then guard well the outer court of the Tabernacle. See that no improper material enter into and become a part of the structure; but may all the parts be so nicely adjusted that we may form a perfect and complete whole; that . when the Master Overseer shall try us by the unerring test of Truth, no discordant element, however singular and beautiful its form, may be found mingled with the good and square work we have brought up for the building.

"May the blessing of the Great 'I AM' rest upon us in our labors to promote the good and prosperity of our beloved Order. May His spirit animate us in the faithful discharge of every known duty, and may the pure principles of our Order encourage us to discharge all the obligations we owe to God, to our neighbor, and to ourselves; and finally, when our work is done, may we be permitted to pass the Veils, and find an abundant entrance within the Tabernacle, and receive for our reward the wages of good and faithful servants."

Five Dispensations for new Chapters were granted during the year.

Companion J. P. C. Cottrill, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a Report, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters, ours included, somewhat at length, but in a fair and discriminating spirit. We quote from his opening remarks, to which we fully respond.

"It will be perceived that we are this year in the receipt of tidings from several Grand Chapters with whom for some time we have been unable to hold communication. This is a source of real pleasure, and we indulge and here express the hope that in the future, neither for the cause that has latterly existed, nor for any other, will the circle of our communication with the sister Grand Chapters be broken in upon; but that each successive year will show us in direct, as it always will be in fraternal connection with all the Grand Chapters of our beloved country. Our hope in this respect is strengthened by the friendly and true masonic sentiments which we find pervading the reports from those Grand Bodies whose Proceedings have so long been absent from our table; and pointing to our own recorded declarations in the past, we renew to all our Companions of the Royal Craft the assurance of our desire for the permanent existence of the most cordial and fraternal relations with them."

The following stringent resolution in relation to unaffiliated Masons, was passed, and we wish that something similar, but somewhat modified, might prevail in this jurisdiction:—

"Resolved, That from and after six months from the adoption of this resolution, no Chapter or Companion in this jurisdiction shall hold masonic intercourse with any Companion who, as a Master Mason, shall have remained for more than one year unaffiliated, while he continues so to remain."

Among the standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter is one requiring every Mark Master to record his "Mark" within six months of his being advanced. Also, one forbidding a Chapter to receive a petition of, or affiliate, a person who is not a member in good standing of some regular Masonic Lodge in that or some other jurisdiction. We like especially the last of these. The following is also another of their standing regulations, and a very wise one:—

"Resolved, That all candidates for advancement to the several Chapter Degrees shall pass an examination in open Chapter as to their proficiency in the preceding degree, which shall be to the entire satisfaction of the Council."

From a table presented, we make the following footings: In thirty-two Chapters, number of members, 1,755; exaltations, 392; admitted, 28; dimitted, 106; died 13.

M.E. David H. Wright, of Madison, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. W. S. Palmer, re-elected Grand Secretary.

This completes our review of the Proceedings of such Grand Chapters as have come into our hands. that most of the Reports from other jurisdictions have a review of the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and several of them of those of Canada, and occasionally one from other Bodies beyond the limits of the United States. we time, we should be glad to glean something from them; but we have not the Proceedings, and must content ourselves for now with what we have already presented, trusting that another year, whoever is intrusted with this review, may have the Proceedings of all our sister Grand Chapters, and be able to present a much fuller, more complete, and certainly more able and interesting Report than it is in our power to do; and especially do we hope that the Reports may be placed in the hands of the Committee early, so that it may not have to be prepared under the disadvantages of shortness of time and amid such an unusual press of business cares as we have been compelled to labor under.

• In the absence of sufficient time and data from which to make up a complete table of the membership, exaltations, etc., in the various jurisdictions, we avail ourselves of the following one prepared by M.E. Companion Drummond, of Maine, as fuller than any we can now make, adding to it the Address, so far as we can, of the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of each jurisdiction. Most of the figures in this table are taken from the Returns for the year preceding the Annual Convocation for 1866. In some cases later statistics will be found in the body of the Report under the head of each State, and to which we refer rather than to undertake to correct the table.

ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARIES.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.	W. D. Blocher, Little Rock.	L. C. Owen, San Francisco.	Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, C.W.	John W. Paul, Waterbury.	George C. Whiting, Washington.	Hugh A. Corley, Tallahassee.	Benjamin B. Russell, Augusta.	Harmon G. Reynolds, Springfield.	William Hacker, Indianapolis.	W. B. Langridge, Muscatine.	E. T. Carr, Fort Leavenworth.	Philip Swigert, Frankfort.	Jas. C. Batchelor, New Orleans.	W. Morris Smith, Washington.	Ira Berry, Portland.	Thomas Waterman, Boston.	J. Eastman Johnson, Centreville.		Oscar T. Keeler, Columbus.	George F. Gouley, St. Louis.	J. N. Wise, Plattsmouth.
Address of Grand High Priests.	George D. Norris, Newmarket.	L. E. Barber, Little Rock,	Charles Marsh, Nevada.	T. Douglas Harrington, Ottawa.	Luke A. Lockwood, Greenwich.	J. E. F. Holmead, Washington.	David Jones, Lake City.	Samuel Lawrence, Marietta.	O. H. Miner, Springfield.	Thos. Newby, Cambridge City.	H. H. Hemenway, Lansing.	R. R. Rees, Leavenworth.	Isaac T. Martin, Cynthiana.	H. P. Buckley, New Orleans.	James G. Smith, Washington.	Josiah H. Drummond, Portland.	Richard Briggs, Boston.	John P. Fiske, Detroit.		William D. Ferris, Deasonville.	Samuel Russell, St. Joseph.	Jas. W. Moore, Nebraska City.
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§ Proceedings received while this Report is going through the press. Twenty-eight Chapters in life; sixteen made returns and paid dues, or had them remitted; three made no returns, but had dues remitted; and nine made no returns. Fourteen report four hundred and eight members, and seventy-one exaltations. And last year four others returned one hundred and thirty-three members.

|| Estimated from increase of membership.

#### CONCLUSION.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Royal Arch Masonry is in a flourishing condition in nearly all of the States, and, with a few exceptions, more so than at any former time; also, that peace and harmony prevail throughout all the jurisdictions reviewed. Many of the Chapters in the Southern States, being nearer the theatre of action, the effects of the late war were much more disastrous to our Companions there than to us at the North, and our hearts have been deeply touched as we have read some of the Reports and seen how many of them have suffered, in several cases losing their all, and how, with returning peace, they have been struggling for returning life. But the worst seems now to have been passed; they are recovering from the crash, and with words of better cheer are rebuilding again the walls of their Temples. Amid all these late trials, it is refreshing to see how Masonry and its teachings have been exemplified in numerous instances of brotherly love, charity, relief, and truth; and especially now that communication with those from whom we were so long cut off is fully restored, to see the hearts of our Companions, both North and South, overflowing and gushing out with words of kind and loving masonic greeting, with hardly an unkind or discordant note from any source. Let us, around our sacred altars, renewedly pledge ourselves to a new consecration and devotion to those high moral principles whose beauty, beneficence, and practical results we have thus seen illustrated. fruits ye shall know them"; and here is the best test of our ancient and honorable Institution. With the warm throbbings of our heart beating in unison with the act, we extend our hand in warm, loving, fraternal greeting, to our Companions of the mystic tie everywhere throughout the extent of our country, knowing no North, no South, no East, no

West, but all the same, one and indivisible, now and ever. "So mote it be."

We cannot close our Report without expressing the gratification that we have had in this communing with the master minds of our sister Grand Chapters during the preparation of it. One cannot read, ever so hastily, the emanations from these noble men and not gather much information, and be profited and improved thereby. We only regret that our work is so imperfectly done as not to have materially added to the common stock of knowledge and understanding. With our best wishes for those Companions with whom we have thus held communion, and hoping that they may long be spared and continue to send out to the masonic world their words of accumulated wisdom, and shed abroad masonic light, we bid them a kind and fraternal adieu!

And now, having completed our work, new to us, and under circumstances of great difficulty, we gladly lay down the pen and let fall from our shoulders the mantle which another year, we trust, will be laid upon those of some Companion who has the time and ability to do the subject better justice than, under any circumstances, we could. Though at times the weary hand and the overtaxed brain have almost refused to perform their offices, yet there has been much enjoyment, not unmixed with pain, in delving into these mines of masonic wealth, and we have only wished we had the time and ability to do them justice in searching out, bringing forth, and holding up to view their richest treasures.

Our work is done; we regret that it is so very imperfectly done; but yet there may be in it this comfort, that its very imperfection will secure our being relieved from undertaking it again, and its being intrusted to abler hands.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

HENRY CHICKERING,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ORGANIZATIONS.

# OFFICERS

#### OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# ELECTED SEPTEMBER 10, 1867.

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M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS .			Grand High Priest.
M.E. BENJAMIN LEWIS.			Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE			Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON .			Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS			Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS			Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER.			Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr			Grand Master Third Veil.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN			Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER .			Grand Master First Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones .			Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN			Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson,			•
E. Rev. GEORGE L. HUNT,	ζ.		Grand Chaplains.
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,			•
E. N. A. Appolonio .			Senior Grand Steward.
E. EBEN F. GAY			Junior Grand Steward.
E. Alfred F. Chapman			Grand Lecturer.
E. HENRY CHICKERING			Com. on For. Correspondence.
E. John McClellan,			•
E. Solon Thornton, }			Committee of Finance.
E. JOHN K. HALL,			
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,			
E. SAMUEL MILLARD,			Committee of Charity.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN,			•
E. George H. Pike .			Grand Tyler.
E. Peter C. Jones,			•
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,			Trustees of the Funds.
E. RICHARD BRIGGS.		•	

# PAST OFFICERS

## OF THE

# Grand Royal Arrh Chapter of Massachusetts.

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr						1798, 99, 1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng .						1801, 2.
*TIMOTHY BIGELOW					•	1803, 4, 5.
*Isaiah Thomas						1806, 7, 8.
*Oliver Prescott						1809.
*James Dean Hopkins .		•				1810, 11, 12.
*Јони Аввотт						1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney .						1816, 17.
*James Prescott						1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage		•	•			1820, 21, 22.
*PAUL DEAN						1823, 24, 25.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens						1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark						1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske				<i>:</i>		1832, 33.
*EDWARD A. RAYMOND .						1834, 35, 36.
SIMON W. ROBINSON .						1837, 38, 39.
*JOHN B. HAMMATT						1840.
*ELIJAH ATHERTON						1841, 42, 43.
THOMAS TOLMAN		•				1844, 45.
CHARLES W. MOORE .			•			1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon .		•				1849, 50, 51.
*STEPHEN LOVELL						1852, 53, 54.
DANIEL HARWOOD		•				1855, 56.
WENDELL THORNTON DA	VIS					1857.
John McClellan			•			1858.
JAMES KIMBALL						1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton			•	•		1862, 63, 64.
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<sup>\*</sup> Deceased.

# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng				1799	, from April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage .				•	. 1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf					. 1800.
*Simon Eliot					. 1801–2.
*Benjamin Russell					. 1803-08, 1816-20.
*Henry Fowle .					. 1808–14.
*James C. King .					. 1814–15.
*Samuel L. Knapp .					. 1820.
*PAUL DEAN					. 1821-22.
*Augustus Peabody					. 1823-26.
*Benjamin Huntoon					. 1826–29.
*Robert Lash					. 1829–33.
THOMAS TOLMAN .					. 1833, 1841-44.
GARDNER RUGGLES.					. 1834–37.
*JOHN B. HAMMATT .					. 1837–40.
*Elijah Atherton .					. 1840.
*Elias Haskell .	:				. 1844-45.
*Ruel Baker	•				. 1846-47.
GILBERT NURSE .					. 1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr.			•		. 1849.
*Stephen Lovell .					. 1850–51.
TIMOTHY INGRAHAM					. 1852.
E. M. P. WELLS .					. 1853.
Joseph Bedlow .		•			. 1854.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSO					. 1855.
WILLIAM R. ALGER				•	. 1856.
TRACY P CHEEVER.					. 1857.
*ISAAC P. SEAVY .				•	. 1858.
WYZEMAN MARSHALL					. 1859.
Solon Thornton .					. 1860.
RICHARD BRIGGS .					. 1861.
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM				•	. 1862.
JOHN K. HALL .				•	. 1863.
CALEB RAND				•	. 1864.
John W. Dadmun .					. 1865.
CHARLES A. WELCH					. 1866.

# PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng .			•		•	1798.
*James Harrison						1799.
*WILLIAM MCKEEN						1800.
*Charles Jackson			`.			1801.
*Benjamin Russell .	•					1802.
*GILMAN WHITE						1803-4
*DAVID COFFIN, Jr						1805.
*Amos Tappan						1806.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT						1807-8.
*WILLIAM WOART					-	1809-10
*Јони Аввотт				٠.		1811-12.
						1813-14
*HENRY FOWLE	•					1815.
*James C. King						1816-17.
*Joseph Brown						1818.
*Robert Lash						1819.
*CALEB BUTLER	•					1820-22.
HENRY WHIPPLE						1823.
*DANIEL LEWIS GIBBENS						1824-25.
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD .						1826-28.
*Charles Train						1829-31.
*EDWARD A. RAYMOND .						1832-33.
*WILLIAM WHITING						1834-35.
Simon W. Robinson .						1836.
*Elijah Atherton						1837-40.
*Enoch Hobart						1840.
*John R. Bradford .						1841-43.
CHARLES W. MOORE .						1844-45.
GILBERT NURSE						1846-47.
WILLIAM EATON						1848.
*Lucien B. Keith						1849.
SAMUEL MILLARD						1850-51.
JOHN FLINT						1852.
*James W. Crooks						1853.
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN .						1854.
JONATHAN G. JOHNSON .						1855.
WENDELL THORNTON DA						1856.
WILLIAM PARKMAN .						1857.
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WILLIAM W. BAKER				1859.
*Sylvester Baxter				
WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF				
CHARLES C. DAME .				1862.
HENRY CHICKERING				
ALBERT E. FOTH .				
DAVID W. CRAFTS .				1865.
HENRY ENDICOTT .				

# PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison .			•			1798.
*JOSHUA GREENLEAF						1799.
*Charles Jackson .	•					1800.
*Benjamin Russell.						 1801.
*STEPHEN HOWARD .						1802.
*ABRAHAM PERKINS .						1803-4.
*SAMUEL A. OTIS .						1805.
*JAMES DEAN HOPKI	N8					1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.						1807-8.
*Thomas Jackson .						1809.
*Sumner Barstow .						1810.
*Henry Purkett .						1811.
*EDWARD TURNER .						1812.
*Andrew Sigourney	7					1813-14
*NATHANIEL KNAPP,	Jr.					1815.
*Joseph Brown .						1816-17
*ROBERT LASH						1818.
*James Morse						1819-20
*Rosewell Lee .						1821.
*DANIEL BAXTER .						1822.
*DANIEL LEWIS GIBE	BENS					1823.
*John James Loring	ŧ.					1824-25
*SAMUEL CLARK .						1826-29
*CHARLES WELLS .				•		1829-32
*WILLIAM WHITING.						1833.
SIMON W. ROBINSON	N.					1834-35
*ELIJAH ATHERTON .						1836.
*Enoch Hobart .						1837-39
*John R. Bradford		.•				1840.
*Robert Keith .						1841-43
*Ruel Baker						1844-45

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*JOEL TALBOT							1846-47
*Lucien B. Keith .							1848.
SAMUEL MILLARD .				•			1849.
*Henry Earl							1850-51
JONAS A. MARSHALL							1852.
*Horace Chenery .							1853.
JOHN McCLELLAN .							<b>1854</b> .
ABRAHAM A. DAME							1855.
JOHN ANDREWS .							1856.
JOEL SPALDING .			٠.				1857.
JAMES KIMBALL .							1858.
HENRY GODDARD .	٠.						1859.
George Sherwin .							1860.
GEORGE TALBOT .							1861.
Moses H. Fowler		•					1862.
JOHN N. PIKE			•				1863.
WANTON T. DREW:		•					1864.
MARLBOROUGH WILL	IAMS					•.	1865.
RUEUS S. POPE		_		_	_		1866.

# ABSTRACT

## FROM THE

# Beturns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1867,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

## A.L. 5769.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. LYMAN B. MESTO	N	•	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	N						King.
E. CHARLES W. ROMNE	Y				•	•	Scribe.
J. N. M. CLOUGH .		•					Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM S. HILLS							Principal Sojourner.
FRANCIS P. BABBIT			•				Royal Arch Captain.
SYLVESTER TRULL .			• .	•			Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM F. PIERCE							Master Second Veil.
JOSEPH N. PIERCE, Jr.		•					Master First Veil.
JOHN McCLELLAN .							Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN							Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson	N		•			•	Chaplain.
EDWARD A. WHITE					•		Senior Steward.
JOHN S. SHERBURNE							Junior Steward.
LUTHER L. TARBELL							Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 380; Candidates exalted, 55; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$171.

## KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

## A.L. 5790.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WARREN CURRIE	R				High Priest.
E. ENOCH G. CURRIER					King.
E. DAVID J. ADAMS					Scribe.
GAMALIEL HODGES					Captain of the Host.
PAUL PLUMER .					Principal Sojourner.
JOHN M. CARTER .					Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE H STEVENS					Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM H. PLAISTED					Master Second Veil.
JOSEPH E. KIMBALL					Master First Veil.
NATHAN A. MOULTON					Treasurer.
JAMES W. CHENEY	•				Secretary.
O. S. BUTLER .		٠.			Chaplain.
SAMUEL NOYES .		•	•	•	Tyler.

#### Regular Meetings, Tuesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 98; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$75.

# WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

## A.L. 5811.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES H. NORRIS					High Priest.
E. ISRAEL S. LEE					King.
E. GEORGE TAPLEY .					Scribe.
CHARLES D. McDuffee	•				Captain of the Host.
GEORGE W. S. ROLLINS					Principal Sojourner.
THOMAS J. HUTCHINSON					Royal Arch Captain.
EDWARD H. STATEN .					Master Third Veil.
SAMUEL C. WESTON .					Master Second Veil.
JOHN R. SMITH		• .			Master First Veil.
ALVAH KIMBALL					Treasurer.
WILLIAM ARCHER				•	Secretary.
JAMES KIMBALL			•		Chaplain.
RICHARD B. HOOD .					Senior Steward.
JOHN A. BATCHELDER .					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM L. BATCHELDER					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Present number of Members, 139; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$96.

# ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5816.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WANTON T. DRE	w			,.	High Priest.
E. JOHN A. LEE .					King.
E. Albert H. W. Car	RPEN	TER	•		Scribe.
WILLIAM W. ARNOLD					Captain of the Host.
HENRY G. POMROY	-	•			Principal Sojourner.
DAVID S. SMALL .					Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM B. NOONING					Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM C. SWIFT					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES SEARELL.					Master First Veil.
EDWARD STETSON .					Treasurer.
Elisha C. Leonard					Secretary.
Amasa L. Gleason					Chaplain.
WILLIAM A. SEARELL		•			Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 262; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. HIRAM A. K	EITE	ι.					High Priest.
E. Moses Wingar	E						King.
E. RICHARD H. B.	AILE	Y			•		Scribe.
JAMES C. DRAKE							Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM F. BOWE	ERS						Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT MORRIS							Royal Arch Captain.
LOWELL PRESTON							Master Third Veil.
C. M. BOYNGTON							Master Second Veil.
A. C. RUSSELL							Master First Veil.
THOMAS WARNER,	Jr.			•			Treasurer.
JOEL E. COOLIDGE	;						Secretary.
Rev. J. MARVIN							Chaplain.
L. K. COLE .					•		Senior Steward.
CHARLES EVANS	•						Junior Steward.
G. D. ROLLINS	•	•	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of members, 296; Candidates exalted, 29; Fees to Grand \*Chapter, \$93.

## FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

#### A.L. 5817.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE	Ξ.					High Priest.
E. CHARLES PARSONS, Jr						King.
E. GEORGE WILLEY			•			Scribe.
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE .		•		•		Captain of the Host.
DAVID LYON					• .	Principal Sojourner.
E. J. RICE						Royal Arch Captain.
J. GILBERT WILSON		•	•			Master Third Veil.
JAMES ROWLEY, Jr						Master Second Veil.
C. L. SAWYER		,				Master First Veil
R. Howland						Treasurer.
GEORGE H. HOVEY						Secretary.
P. V. Finch		,				Chaplain.
FRANK A. POND						Senior Steward.
JOHN A. CLARK						Junior Steward.
Anson Mitchell						Tyler.
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Regular Meetings in each month on Wednesday next after the full of the moon.

Present number of Members, 113; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

## ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5818.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. HENRY ENDICOTT.		,				High Priest.
E. FREDERICK A. PIERCE	ě.					King.
E. RICHARD M. BARKER						Scribe.
JAMES A. FOX						Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL W. GREENE .					•	Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES G. JACKMAN .						Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES F. WYMAN .		ı		•		Master Third Veil.
HENRY WARREN						Master Second Veil.
HENRY A. BARRY						Master First Veil.
JOHN K. HALL						Treasurer.
THEODORE H. EMMONS.						Secretary.
ELISHA POTE						Senior Steward.
WILLIAM SAWYER						Junior Steward.
LUTHER L. TARBELL .						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 353; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$47.

# MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

## A.L. 5820.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JONATHAN R.	GA:	Y						High Priest.
E. Bradford Kins		_	-		Ċ			King.
E. HIRAM GAY			·	·				Scribe.
JAMES SWAN .				·	Ī		·	Captain of the Host.
BENJAMIN WARD,	Jr.				-	-		Principal Sojourner.
F. A. RICHARDSON				•	•			Royal Arch Captain.
HIRAM LINFIELD			•		•			Master Third Veil.
GEORGE TALBOT			•					Master Second Veil.
E. S. Anderson			•					Master First Veil.
LUTHER BELCHER,	Jr.			·				Treasurer.
WASHINGTON TOW.							•	Secretary.
A. St. John Chan	,							Chaplain.
B. F. SAVELL.								Senior Steward.
JAMES HILL .								Junior Steward.
А. В. Аввот .								Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday preceding full moon.

Present number of Members, 59; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15.

## THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

## A.L. 5821.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES S. LIT	сн						High Priest.
E. THOMAS C. CALDW	ELL						King.
E. JOHN BURNEY .							Scribe.
JONAS A. MARSHALL							Captain of the Host.
JOSEPH E. MANNING							Principal Sojourner.
FRANCIS SHELDON .							Royal Arch Captain
CHARLES FESSENDEN							Master Third Veil.
ALONZO GOULD .							Master Second Veil.
Cyrus Brown .							Master First Veil.
ARNOLD WILSON .						• •	Treasurer.
HENRY ALLISON .			•			•	Secretary.
DAVID C. BRICK .							Chaplain.
GEORGE WHEELOCK				•			Senior Steward.
HENRY J. LOWE .			·				Junior Steward.
Joseph Piekce .	•		Ċ	•			Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Wednesday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 84; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$75.

## WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

## A.L. 5823.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES G. REEI	)				High Priest.
E. FRANK H. RICE					King.
E. Joseph B. Knox					Scribe.
DANIEL W. BEMIS.					Captain of the Host.
HENRY C. WILLSON					Principal Sojourner.
DANIEL SEAGRAVE.					Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES H. FITCH				•	Master Third Veil.
JAMES J. RUSS .					Master Second Veil.
JOHN W. JORDAN .					Master First Veil.
ARTHUR A. GOODELL					Treasurer.
CLARENDON WHEELOCK					Secretary.
Rev. R. B. STRATTON					Chaplain.
Nelson Cowen .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 174; Candidates exalted, 31; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$85.

## MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

## A.L. 5824.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. HENRY C. SKINI	NER				High Priest.
E. EDWARD WOODS					King.
E. ISAAC H. STEARNS					Scribe.
GEORGE E. STACY.			•		Captain of the Host.
LEONARD FAIRBANKS					Principal Sojourner.
J. H. Smith					Royal Arch Captain.
EZRA F. HOLBROOK		•			Master Third Veil.
A. A. Bussell .					Master Second Veil.
J. C. BRADFORD .					Master First Veil.
LEONARD HUNT .				•	Treasurer.
H. H. Bowers .					Secretary.
GEORGE S. BALL .		•			Chaplain.
L. L. PIKE					Senior Steward.
CHARLES C. SMITH		•			Junior Steward.
JOHN M. WOOD .					Tyler.

## Regular Meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 112; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$54.

## NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

#### A.L. 5825.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. Josiah H. Beadli	E			•	•		High Priest.
E. John A. Prentiss			•				King.
E. AARON BENTON	•		•				Scribe.
EDWARD F. HAMLIN			•				Captain of the Host.
JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS			:				Principal Sojourner.
OSMON O. ROBERTS		:			:		Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE S. PHELPS		•	•	•			Master Third Veil.
ALVIN RUST		:					Master Second Veil.
ONESIME A. PARENT		:	•	•			Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright, Jr.					•		Treasurer.
A. PERRY PECK .							Secretary.
WILLIAM T. CLEMENT	• '				:	•	Chaplain.
DAVID B. WHITCOMB, J	īr.					•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 99; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

## CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JAMES	н. Р	ARKE	R				•		High Priest.
E. GEORGE S	EAVE	R	٠						King.
E. HENRY BU	JRNH	A M				•	•		Scribe.
GEORGE S. D	own	s			•	•			Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM H.	Сне	NERY				•			Principal Sojourner.
N. H. SEAVE	R			•				•	Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN BLAIR									Master Third Veil.
SILAS PIPER					•			•	Master Second Veil.
C. B. TRAVIS	3.				•		•	•	Master First Veil.
ADAM HEMEN	WAY						•		Treasurer.
C. J. Frost				• *	• *	•	• *		Secretary.
J. SEMPLE								•	Chaplain.
J. M. FELLOV	vs.								Senior Steward.
S. Currier					•			• 1	Junior Steward.
FRED. COE	•	•		•					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 53; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

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## MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

## A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

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M.E. Albion J. Dudli	EY	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
E. CHARLES MORRILL						King.
E. John M. Pevey						Scribe.
SAGER ASHWORTH.						Captain of the Host.
FREDERICK FRYE .						Principal Sojourner.
NATHANIEL C. SANBOR	N					Royal Arch Captain,
ALONZO K. LYNCH						Master Third Veil.
THEODORE ADAMS.						Master Second Veil.
REUBEN W. DREW						Master First Veil.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM						Treasurer.
RICHARD W. BAKER						Secretary.
GEORGE F. SCRIBNER						Senior Steward.
SAMUEL P. PIERCE						Junior Steward.
STEPHEN K. FIELDING						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 186; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66.

# ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5854.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN TYRER.	•	•	•	•			High Priest.
E. E. C. CHAMBERLIN	•	•		•	•		King.
E. ALBERT B. BARRETT	r				•,		Scribe.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS			•.	•	•		Captain of the Host.
EDWARD H. MORSE	•.	•		•,	•.		Principal Sojourner.
OLOF LINDERGREEN				•			Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN ALBEE .	•	•	٠,	٠,	٠.	•	Master Third Veil.
JAMES B. WEBSTER			•.		•.		Master Second Veil.
SIMEON CRAGIN .		:				•.	Master First Veil.
SAMUEL L. FOWLE							Treasurer.
HEZEKIAH MAYO .							Secretary.
SAMUEL W. FOLJAMBE							Chaplain.
JOSEPH DAVIS .							Senior Steward.
CHARLES H. SOLLEY							Junior Steward.
SAMUEL W. GLEASON							Tyler.

Regular Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 145; Candidates exalted, 25; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$81.

## CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

## A.L, 5855.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES M. AVE	ERY			High Priest.
E. HENRY G. FAY.				King.
E. JAMES M. GREENWO	OOD			Scribe.
John F. Fellows.		•		Captain of the Host.
JAMES TENT				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM D. SEELEY				Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL E. CHASE .				Master Third Veil.
JOHN E. MARDEN .				Master Second Veil.
SIMEON C. WILLIAMS				Master First Veil.
SLADE LUTHER .				Treasurer.
George W. Vose,				Secretary.
JOHN P. PAYSON ,			•	Chaplain.
GEORGE W. BUSTEED				Senior Steward.
SAMUEL E. HOLBROOK	, Jr.		•	Junior Steward.
Amos Seavey .				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 186; Candidates exalted, 41; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$129.

## ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

## A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. George J. M	(ill	ER						High Priest.
E. R. S. POPE							•	King.
E. THOMAS WEST	N	•	•					Scribe.
J. Winslow Chap	MAN							Captain of the Host.
V. B. NICKERSON				• .				Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL SNOW								Royal Arch Captain.
J. B. BAXTER.								Master Third Veil.
O. C. BAKER .					•			Master Second Veil.
STEPHEN SEARS							•	Master First Veil.
ALEXANDER BAXT	ER							Treasurer.
A. S. HALLETT	•							Secretary.
JAMES BARNABY						•		Chaplain.
SIDNEY CROWELL								Senior Steward.
L. L. SIMMONS								Junior Steward.
JOHN H. FROST		••						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, in January, April, July, and October.

Present number of Members, 55; Candidates exakted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

## PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

#### A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. D. B. TENNE	Y					High Priest.
E. F. J. STEVENS						King.
E. L. C. WADLEIG	H					Scribe.
A. M. VANCE.						Captain of the Host.
D. M. KELLEY						Principal Sojourner.
B. F. DARLING						Royal Arch Captain.
N. R. Johnson		•				Master Third Veil.
J. W. P. Smith		•		•		Master Second Veil.
G. B. George				•		Master First Veil.
JOHN P. RANDALL						Treasurer.
A. WHITTIER.						Secretary.
C. H. SEYMOUR						Chaplain.
CALVIN SMITH						Senior Steward.
G. W. WALLACE	•			•		Junior Steward.
DANIEL G. SMITH			•		•	Tyler.

## Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 121; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

# BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

## A.L. 5858.

## OFFICERS.

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M.E. H. S. RUSSELL					High Priest.
Е. L. Scott					King.
E. D. A. CLARY .		•			 Scribe
J. C. PARKER					Captain of the Host.
S. H. ALMY					Principal Sojourner.
F. S. PARKER			•		Royal Arch Captain.
G. T. BARKER .					Master Third Veil.
E. CRAFTS			•		Master Second Veil.
GEORGE W. CLARK					Master First Veil.
J. CARTER	•.				Treasurer.
LORENZO H. GAMWELI					Secretary.
E. L. Wells					Chaplain.
HENRY B. BREWSTER	•		•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 71; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

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## KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

## A.L. 5858.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE ROBINSO	N			High Priest.
E. John Crosby .				King.
E. JOHN WETHERBEE			•	Scribe.
JOHN W. ROBINSON				Captain of the Host.
JOHN E. JORDAN .				Principal Sojourner.
M. H. Gross				Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL R. WINSLOW				Master Third Veil.
I. F. Snow				Master Second Veil.
C. W. RICHARDS .				Master First Veil.
WALLACE C. SHELDON				Treasurer.
SAMUEL H. PHELPS				Secretary.
GEORGE M. BUTTRICK				Chaplain.
JAMES BARKLEY .				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 42; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21.

# KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

## A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. J. P. CARPENTE	R.					High Priest.
E. W. H. THOMAS.				•		King.
E. C. RICHMOND .						Scribe.
CHARLES H. SAWYER						Captain of the Host.
W. B. CROCKER						Principal Sojourner.
H. N. PAINE						Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE C. FOREST					•	Master Third Veil.
E. P. PAINE						Master Second Veil.
Joseph Wilson .						Master First Veil.
WILLIAM CARPENTER						Treasurer.
T. E. GROVER .						Secretary.
E. C. FALES		•				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 57; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27.

# MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

#### A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. D. F. ROBINSON	N.				High Priest.
E. John Haigh .					King.
E. DANIEL NASON .					Scribe.
N. A. BISHOP.				•	Captain of the Host.
N. P. H. MELVIN .					Principal Sojourner.
G. M. STODDARD .		٠.			Royal Arch Captain.
H. G. HERRICK .					Master Third Veil.
H. H. FLETCHER .					Master Second Veil.
C. W. FLINT					Master First Veil.
RUFUS REED					Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson .					Secretary.
L. I. HALL					Chaplain.
BENJAMIN BOOTH .					Senior Steward.
GEORGE W. HORN.					Junior Steward.
G. W. WATERHOUSE					Tyler.

Regular meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 118; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

A.L. 5862.

#### OFFICERS.

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M.E. MICAH NASH.	•	•	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
E. WILLIAM H. DAVIS							King.
E. Cyrus Morton, Jr.							Scribe.
B. SANFORD, Jr							Captain of the Host.
CHARLES C. BIXBY							Principal Sojourner.
JAMES E. SMITH .							Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM H. MAINE							Master Third Veil.
H. F. COPELAND .			•				Master Second Veil.
S. N. Dyer, Jr							Master First Veil.
Benjamin L. Nash							Treasurer.
ERASTUS M. NASH.							Secretary.
Rev. F. P. HOWLAND							Chaplain.
GEORGE A. BEAL .							Senior Steward.
SAMUEL E. RING .							Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French							Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 150; Candidates exalted, 35; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$111.

# WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

#### A.L. 5868.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. FREDERIC J. Foss					High Priest.
E. THOMAS WINSHIP .			•		King.
·E. John W. Chapman .					Scribe.
OSGOOD W. UPHAM .					Captain of the Host.
CHARLES C. DIKE					Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE F. CLAPP					Royal Arch Captain.
ROBERT J. CHUTE					Master Third Veil.
GEORGE L. W. DIKE					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES H. NICHOLS	,				Master First Veil.
GEORGE W. HEATH .					Treasurer.
WALTER LITTLEFIELD .					Secretary.
THOMAS J. GREENWOOD					Chaplain.
CHARLES A. WHITTEMON	RE				Senior Steward.
E. R. CLEAVELAND	,				Junior Steward.
S. W. Nichols					Tyler.
CHARLES S. JOSCELYN				•	Sentinel.
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Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 284; Candidates exalted, 73; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$225.

# 'ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

# A.L. 5863.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES H. WHITE .			High Priest.
E. FREDERICK G. WALBRIDGE			King.
E. Hugh McCully			Scribe.
JOHN J. DYER			Captain of the Host.
PARKER C. BURBANK			Principal Sojourner.
Benjamin F. Smith			Royal Arch Captain.
RALPH CROCKER, Jr			Master Third Veil.
ETHAN R. CHENEY			Master Second Veil.
LENDALL F. TARBITT			Master First Veil.
HORACE SMITH			Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio			Secretary.
J. I. T. COOLIDGE	• .		Chaplain.
ALFRED SMITH, Jr			Senior Steward.
JOSEPH R. GROSS			Junior Steward.
WILLIAM D. ROCKWOOD .	•		Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 117; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, 57.

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# HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JAMES B. SHAW						High Priest.
E. MARSHALL FOX						King.
E. JOHN E. CRANE		.•	٠.			Scribe.
James S. Williams						Captain of the Host.
Andrew Pinney :						Principal Sojourner.
G. Collins, Jr				٠.		Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE B. KENERSON						Master Third Veil.
F. J. WASSUM .						Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM MERRIAM	٠.				•	Master First Veil.
A. N. DEWEY .						Treasurer.
W. W. Cross						Secretary.
L. A. Nelson						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 62; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

# MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5863.

# OFFICERS.

M.E. BENJAMIN A. HE	RSEY		•		High Priest.
E. CHARLES E. JOYCE		• •			King.
E. Alfred Haskell					Scribe.
SMITH B. HARRINGTON					Captain of the Host.
Amos B. Morss .			•		Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL G. JEPSON					Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES E. BRIDE					Master Third Veil.
CHARLES P. LAURIAT					Master Second Veil.
JAMES P. RICHARDSON					Master First Veil
LUTHER FARWELL .					Treasurer.
PARKER LITCHFIELD					Secretary.
BENJAMIN H. DAVIS				•	Chaplain.
H. H. GILMORE .					Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 85; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

# SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. TIMOTHY STEVEN	s				High Priest.
E. GEORGE F. BREED					King.
E. DAVID J. NEWHALL					Scribe.
CHARLES W. WILSON					Captain of the Host.
JAMES A. AUSTIN .			•		Principal Sojourner.
Joshua C. Eldred					Royal Arch Captain.
EZEKIEL F. ESTES					Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS					Master Second Veil.
HENRY O. BURRILL					Master First Veil.
GEORGE B. TOLMAN		٠.			Treasurer.
HENRY C. OLIVER					Secretary.
TIMOTHY G. SENTER					Chaplain.
JESSE T. SUTHERLAND	••				Senior Steward.
J. Webster Colcord					Junior Steward.
JOHN C. MYER .					Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 69; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

# FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Robert Henry						High Priest.
E. JAMES F. DAVENPO	RT					King.
E. SILAS WILLIAMS		. `				Scribe.
WILLIAM DAVENPORT					•	Captain of the Host.
GEORGE A. BALLARD						Principal Sojourner.
DANIEL STILLWELL						Royal Arch Captain.
Alden Gilbert .		•				Master Third Veil.
JOHN WHITTAKER.						Master Second Veil.
JOEL WOOD		٠.				Master First Veil.
ABNER L. WESTGATE					. •	Treasurer.
THOMAS L. BRAYTON						Secretary.
JOHN SHEPLEY .						Chaplain.
JAMES DAVIS						Senior Steward.
MASON FISHER .					•	Junior Steward.
WILLIAM PRESTON.		•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 92; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$50.

# CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

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M.E. Z. H. THOMAS, J	r.					High Priest.
E. Joseph G. Holt					.•	King.
E. CHARLES HARRIS	•					Scribe.
CHARLES A. SKINNER			•	•		Captain of the Host.
HIRAM L. CHASE .						Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL M. DAVIS.					.•	Royal Arch Captain.
HORACE W. FULLER						Master Third Veil.
EBEN C. PRESCOTT						Master Second Veil.
L. M. HANNUM						Master First Veil.
GEORGE B. CARTER			. • .	.•		Treasurer.
SEYMOUR B. SNOW						Secretary.
HENRY W. WARREN			. •			Chaplain.
WILLIAM L. LATHROP				.•		Senior Steward.
WILLIAM DARLEY.						Junior Steward.
DANIEL M. HAZEN.		•		•	٠.	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 111; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$51.

# WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

#### A.L. 5864.

# OFFICERS.

M.E. Louis A. Felix	.•				High Priest.
E. ROBERT L. DAVIS			.•		King.
E. John C. Locke					Scribe.
JOHN W FAIRBANKS			.•		Captain of the Host.
HENRY W. HARTWELL					Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM LOCKE .		•			Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE A. BATES .					Master Third Veil.
NATHAN S. WHITNEY					Master Second Veil.
CHARLES W. STONE		•			Master First Veil.
HENRY MARTYN				. •	Treasurer.
FRANCIS W. ADAMS					Secretary.
LEONARD P. FROST	٠,				Chaplain.
FRANK P. PRATT .					Senior Steward.
CHARLES A. BRACKETT	٠.				Junior Steward.
JOHN HARRIS					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 98; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand. Chapter, \$69.

# ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES F. JOHNSON					High Priest.
E. John E. Browne .	٠.				King.
E. Jonathan J. Stanley					Scribe.
EDWARD MOTT					Captain of the Host.
L. O. BARNARD				. •	Principal Sojourner.
JOHN RADLEY					Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN H. BAKER .		•			Master Third Veil.
ROBERT CROSSMAN, 2d .					Master Second Veil.
ALFRED B. HODGES .					Master First Veil.
CHARLES LAWTON					Treasurer.
CHARLES H. ATWOOD .					Secretary.
WILLIAM H. BROWN .					Chaplain.
GEORGE A. DUNHAM .					Senior Steward
ALDEN H. BLAKE					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM COX					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 93; Candidates exalted, 24; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$78.

# MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM GROVER				High Priest.
E. NATHANIEL W. QUINT				King.
E. John E. Chase .	. •			Scribe.
OSCAR S. TUTTLE				Captain of the Host.
CYRUS L. FRINK				Principal Sojourner.
R. B. Johnson				Royal Arch Captain.
A. Higginbottom				Master Third Veil.
A. L. SHUMWAY				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES BLODGETT .			٠.	Master First Veil.
GEORGE W. PRENTISS .				Treasurer.
CHARLES H. LYMAN .				Secretary.
ALEXANDER M. AVERILL				Chaplain.
E. W. Loomis			•	Senior Steward.
WILLIAM RUDDY				Junior Steward.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 40; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27.

# MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, ROXBURY.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN W. DADMUN						High Priest.
E. CHARLES J. DANFOR	•	:	:	•	:	King.
E. SAMUEL LITTLE	•	•	•	•		Scribe.
John W. Lord .						Captain of the Host.
EBENEZER ADAMS .						Principal Sojourner.
JOSHUA H. PUTNAM					:	Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL WHEELER .						Master Third Veil.
GEORGE RICHARDS.						Master Second Veil.
GEORGE J. ARNOLD						Master First Veil
R. W. MOLINEAUX						Treasurer.
J. GARDNER CURTIS						Secretary.
FRANKLIN S. MERRITT						Chaplain.
E. G. Scott						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 60; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

#### A.L. 5865.

# OFFICERS.

M.E. DANIEL UPTON				High Priest.
E. H. M. Holmes .				King.
E. H. C. Bowen .				Scribe.
JAMES C. CHALMERS			•	Captain of the Host.
D. D. Bowen .	•			Principal Sojourner.
JAMES RENFREW, Jr.				Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. Hunt				Master Third Veil.
N. W. Mason				Master Second Veil.
R. M. COLE				Master First Veil.
C. D. COLE				Treasurer.
H. H. WELLINGTON				Secretary.
E. T. Hunt				Chaplain.
W. G. FARNSWORTH				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 35; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand , hapter, \$42.

# UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

#### A.L. 5866.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Lucius Holmes						_	High Priest.
E. NATHANIEL RICHA	-						King.
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E. Andrew J. Clark	E.		•			•	Scribe.
CHARLES W. BANNON							Captain of the Host.
PROCTOR G. SLOAN							Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE H. RICHARDS	ON						Royal Arch Captain.
C. W. BARBER .					• •		Master Third Veil.
W. H. BARKER	•						Master Second Veil.
ERI SHEPARDSON .							Master First Veil.
FRANK G. LORD .							Treasurer.
JOHN H. WILLIAMS							Secretary.
ASA BARNES							Chaplain.
Amos Cheney							Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 35; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, DORCHESTER.

A.L. 5866. (U.D.)

# MENOTOMY CHAPTER, ARLINGTON.

#### A.L. 5866.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN C. BLASDEL			•	High Priest.
E. EDWARD STORER .				King.
E. WILLIAM H. PATTEE				Scribe.
CHARLES C. SAWYER .				Captain of the Host.
LEWIS SPALDING				Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE O. DAVIS				Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES DURGIN				Master Third Veil.
Andrew F. Allen .				Master Second Veil.
JOHN A. PATTEE				Master First Veil.
J. WINSLOW PIERCE .				Treasurer.
MILAN R. HARDY				Secretary.
WILLIAM T. STOWE .				Chaplain.
JAMES BASTON	٠.	•		Tyler.

#### Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 55; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$58.

# WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

A.L. 5866. (U.D.)

# HOUGHTON CHAPTER, MARLBOROUGH.

A.L. 5867. (U.D.)

ISLE OF THE SEA CHAPTER, NANTUCKET.

A.L. 5867. (U.D.)

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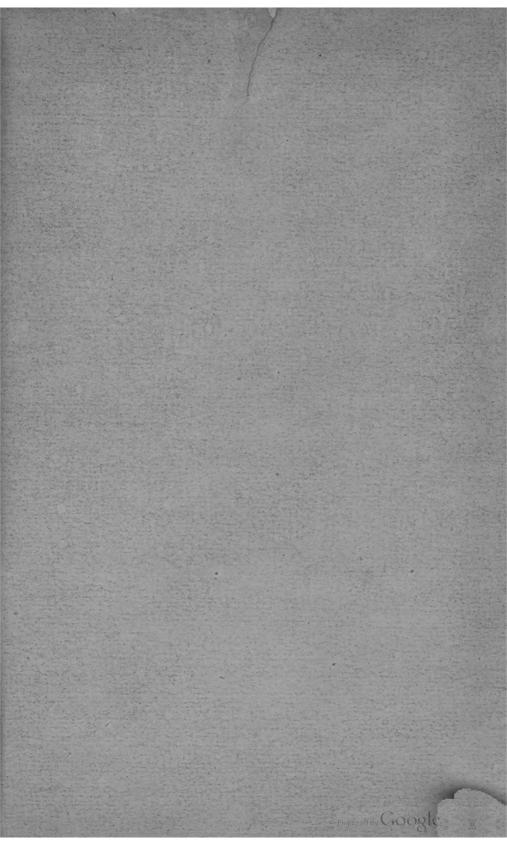
RICHARD BRIGGS, Boston, Mass. . . . Grand High Priest.

THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston, Mass. . . Grand Secretary.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass. . . Grand Lecturer.

HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass. . . Com. For. Cor.

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# Grand Rogal Arch Chapter

or

# MASSACHUSETTS,

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M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS, GBAND HIGH PRIEST.
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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

MARCH 10, 1868.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 10, A.D. 1868, R.A.M. 2398.

#### PRESENT:

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS Grand High Priest.
M.E. Benjamin Lewis Deputy Grand High Priest
E. Daniel W. Lawrence Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. Thomas, Jr Grand Master Third Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson, ( Grand Chapleine
E. Rev. John P. Robinson, E. Rev. John W. Dadmun, Science Grand Chaplains.
E. Alfred F. Chapman Grand Lecturer. [dence.
E. Henry Chickering Com. on Foreign Correspon-
GEORGE H. PIKE Grand Tyler.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

JOHN McClellan. SOLON THORNTON. W. MARSHALL. E. W. TOLMAN. JAMES KIMBALL. J. N. PIKE. WILLIAM W. BAKER. SAMUEL MILLARD. C. C. DAME. A. A. DAME.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.:-

St. Andrews. WORCESTER. HAMPDEN. KING CYRUS. MOUNT LEBANON. SUTTON. ADONIRAM. CONCORD. FALL RIVER. CAMBRIDGE. FRANKLIN. SHEKINAH. MORNING STAR. ORIENT. MOUNT VERNON. ST. PAUL'S. KEY STONE. Union. THOMAS. WAVERLY. MENOTOMY. SAINT MATTHEW'S.

A petition signed by the following Royal Arch Masons of Natick and vicinity was presented and read, viz.: James H. Parker, Henry C. Burnham, George J. Townsend, Walter N. Mason, George H. Stone, A. F. Mason, C. B. Travis, C. H. Davis, George S. Sleeper, L. R. Edgerton, S. M. Fellows, Franklin Tilton, and Leonard R. Mitchell.

The foregoing petition was referred to Companions Charles H. Norris, Abiel S. Lewis, and Henry C. Skinner, who, subsequently, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

In Grand Chapter, March 10, 1868.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James H. Parker and other Companions of Natick, to open and hold a Chapter of Masons in said Natick, have attended to that duty and respectfully report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

CHARLES H. NORRIS.

ABIEL S. LEWIS.

HENRY C. SKINNER.

M.E. Companion Chapman, in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the following Report:—

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Royal

Arch Chapter:—

The Committee appointed to consider the Ritual of the Degrees of Past Master and Royal Arch, have carefully considered the subject, and respectfully beg leave to report: That the Ritual of the degree of Past Master shall be confined to the ceremonies of introduction, election, obligation, installation, and lecture, to be conferred without any intermission or interruption in the order of progression. And in the Royal Arch Degree, the living arch shall be not less than three and one half feet in height, and remain stationary while being used; and in the remaining ceremonies, the candidates for exaltation shall be under the exclusive control of the proper officers, and without interference by any other person.

The Committee further recommend that the High Priest of each Chapter, shall be held responsible for the inforcement of the above regulations.

> A F. CHAPMAN. Solon Thornton. John W. Dadmun.

Boston, 10th March, 1868.

Voted, That the foregoing be accepted and the same be printed, and a copy forwarded to each Chapter under this jurisdiction.

M.E. Comp. Thornton, in behalf of the Committee on the jurisdiction of Mount Vernon Chapter, reported in part, and the Committee were granted further time.

Voted, That three copies of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapter be sent to each Grand Chapter in the United States. The subject matter of the use of Robes by the officers was referred to the Council of this Grand Chapter to consider and report.

On motion of M.E. Companion Chickering, it was *Voted*, That the whole subject of subordinate Chapters entertaining the petitions of unaffiliated Masons, and of Masons unaffiliated in Blue Lodges holding membership in subordinate Chapters, be referred to a Committee to consider and report at the next Regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

M.E. Companions Henry Chickering, William W. Baker, Solon Thornton, John McClellan, and James Kimball, were appointed to serve as said Committee.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

JUNE 9, 1868.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on June 9, A.D. 1868, R.A.M. 2398.

#### PRESENT:

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS						Grand High Priest.
E. Daniel W. Lawrence						Grand King.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS.						Grand Scribe pro tem.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS						Grand Captain of the Host.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER						Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Peter C. Jones						Grand Treasurer.
E. Solon Thornton						Grand Secretary pro tem.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson, E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,						Grand Chaplains
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,	•	•	•	•	•	Grand Onaplains.
E. Alfred F. Chapman						Grand Lecturer.
George H. Pike						Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. The records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's.	MOUNT ZION.	WAVERLY.
WASHINGTON.	THOMAS.	Cambridge.
Adoniram.	MOUNT LEBANON.	St. Mark's.
MORNING STAR.	SHEKINAH.	MOUNT VERNON.
ST PAUL'S.	ORIENT.	MENOTOMY.
	KEY STONE.	

A petition was received from Thomas Hooper, George P. Kettell, James A. D. Worcester, George H. Marden, T.

L. Sawyer, Amos Stone, Daniel E. Chase, S. S. Willson, Gideon Haynes, Abel E. Bridge, William H. Kent, Edward S. Coombs, W. A. Carlton, Charles W. Sawyer, James W. Poor, John O. Peirce, William Patterson, William W. Bray, John E. Marden, Albert Sawyer, Nathaniel Shattuck, George W. Griffin, George H. Marden, Jr., J. B. Norton, E. P. Tourtellott, Joseph W. Haskins, Orin Gilmore, Charles Curtis, C. S. Morse, J. H. Burrill, Jr., J. A. Adams, Jr., Charles F. Fairbanks, W. Littlefield, Orin Curtis, Lyman Stickney, Elijah S. Wait, Thomas Cunningham, J. Edwin Bray, George W. Berry, Joseph E. Bray, Charles W. Lewis, Howard F. Rowe, Charles S. Dixon, Thomas B. Harris, Alonzo Hall, Caleb Drew, J. W. Talbot, John B. Wilson, Thomas A. Ames, Samuel E. Holbrook, Jr., John McMath, Nelson Cutler, M. Allen Parsons, Franklin A. Hall, Israel F. Crafts, John M. Brintnall, Edward Knight, Nahum H. Chapin, A. D. S. Bell, and A. D. Hall, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be named "The Chapter of the Signet." The foregoing petition, having been read, was referred to Excellent Companions Danforth, Romney, and F. A. Pierce, who, subsequently, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. The report was accepted and a Dispensation ordered.

The following communication was received from King Solomon's Chapter at Ware:—

KING SOLOMON'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WARE, Jan. 9, 1868.

At a Regular Convocation of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter holden this day, Voted, That the Convocations of this Chapter be holden alternately six months at Ware and Barre, subject to the approval of the Grand Chapter, and consent of the Chapter at Athol; and appointed Companions George W. Bostwick and J. F. Snow, a Committee to obtain the consent of the Athol Chapter.

SAMUEL H. PHELPS, Secretary.

At a Regular Convocation of Union Royal Arch Chapter at Athol, Feb. 14, 1868, it was *Voted*, That the request of King Solomon's Chapter be granted.

Attest.

JOHN H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The communication aforesaid, was referred to M.E. Companions Chapman, Millard, and Storer; this Committee reported, recommending the approval of the vote of King Solomon's Chapter; the report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

On motion of M.E. Companion Chapman, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the proportion due from this Grand Chapter for fitting up the Banqueting Hall, amounting to the sum of fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

On motion of M.E. Companion Chapman, it was *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter be represented by its first four Officers, at the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to be holden at St. Louis in September next.

On motion of M.E. Companion Jones, it was *Voted*, That should either of the first four Officers be unable to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, they shall have power to appoint proxies.

On motion of M.E. Companion Thornton, it was *Voted*, unanimously, That the delegates from this Grand Chapter to the next Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, be requested to use their most earnest efforts to obtain a dissolution of said General Grand Chapter; and, failing to obtain such a dissolution, to seek a peaceable withdrawal therefrom agreeably to the obligations of Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

# Остовек 13, 1868.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, October 13, A.D. 1868.

#### PRESENT:

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS Grand High Priest.
E. Daniel W. Lawrence Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS Grand Principal Sojourner.
E Z. H. THOMAS, Jr Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER Grand Master Third Veil.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER Grand Master First Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN Grand Secretary.
E. EBEN F. GAY Grand Steward.
E. Alfred F. Chapman Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson,
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun, Grand Chaplains.
E. Rev. George L. Hunt, ) [respondence.
E. HENRY CHICKERING Committee of Foreign Cor-
GEORGE H. PIKE Grand Tyler.

# PERMANENT MEMBERS.

JAMES KIMBALL.	Solon Thornton.	CHARLES A. WELCH.
JOHN McCLELLAN.	Wyzeman Marshall.	A. A. DAME.
E. W. TOLMAN.		George Sherwin.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer, by the Grand Chaplain, Companion Hunt.

The records of the last Convocation read and approved. The following Chapters were represented, viz.:—

St. Andrew's.	MOUNT HOREB.	CAMBRIDGE.
Washington.	Shekinah.	WALTHAM.
ADONIRAM.	Berkshire.	MOUNT VERNON.
MORNING STAR.	King Solomon's.	CORINTHIAN.
St. Paul's.	KEY STONE.	Union.
THOMAS.	Pilgrim.	St. Stephen's.
NORTHAMPTON.	MYSTIC.	MENOTOMY.

M.E. Companion Chickering submitted a Report from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of receiving to Chapter Membership, or of conferring the Chapter Degrees upon, unaffiliated Master Masons, which was not accepted.

The M.E. Grand High Priest announced the decease of Excellent Companion Jonathan G. Johnson, a past Grand King of this Grand Chapter, and appointed M.E. Companions James Kimball, A. A. Dame, John McClellan, and Charles C. Dame, a Committee to report appropriate resolutions.

The M.E. Grand High Priest presented the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON October 13, 1868.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of uniform Regalia in the Royal Arch Degree, have carefully attended to that duty, and would report, that they have endeavored to ascertain the wishes of the Companions, and in doing so have not found a single instance where the full Regalia of Robes, &c., has been omitted; that the Companions are desirous of adopting them; and among the Chapters that continue to use the Robes, many have expressed either a wish or a willingness to dispense with them. A few cases have come to the notice of your Committee, where the Chapters wish to retain them. Your Commit-

tee do not wish to take upon themselves the responsibility of deciding the matter, and would therefore present these facts for the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

Daniel W. Lawrence. Richard Briggs. Lyman B. Meston.

M.E. Charles A. Welch, in behalf of the officers who attended the Triennial Convocation of the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States at St. Louis, in September last, submitted the following Report, which was read and ordered to be placed upon the Records.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:—

The undersigned, representatives from your Body to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, held at St. Louis, Missouri, on the fifteenth day of September, 1868, beg leave to report —

Two of our number left Boston earlier than the others, and passed through the cities of Detroit and Chicago on one way to St. Louis. In each of those cities we were received with a more than brotherly kindness by the members of our Order; were taken to every place of interest, and treated with a hospitality that knew no limit whatever, but our capacity to enjoy it. As we look back upon the pleasant moments spent with these brethren, our only regret is lest it may never be in our power to show our appreciation of those fraternal feelings, which made us, strangers as we were except through the mystic bonds of our Order, recipients of such never ceasing attention.

In St. Louis this Grand Chapter was represented by its full delegation, and we had the pleasure of meeting representatives of different branches of Masonry from most of the States of the Union. Besides the Commanderies of St. Louis there were pres-

ent in uniform, Commanderies from Maryland, New York, and other States; and we were particularly pleased to meet again, in the Commandery which came from Chicago one hundred and twenty strong, most of those Companions who had made our stay in that city so agreeable.

Never was hospitality exercised on a more liberal scale than by the Masons of St. Louis, and there was some danger that the various amusements prepared for us might prevent our having the necessary time for business. A splendid banquet was given to the General Grand Chapter, on the first day of its Convocation, in the large hall in the new masonic building. Towards the close of this banquet a very interesting incident occurred in the presentation to M.E. Companion Mackay of some beautiful jewels, which had been stolen from a Lodge in South Carolina during the civil war, had been accidentally found and redeemed by an Ohio Mason, and placed by him in the hands of a Kentucky Mason on his way to St. Louis, to be presented by him to Companion Mackay, and thus returned to the Lodge from which they were taken. Blessed be the tree that bears such fruit!

On the second day of the Convocation its business was interrupted by an excursion on the Mississippi, given in honor of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, to which the members of the Grand Chapter, and of other Masonic Bodies were also invited. The number of guests was so great that it required three steamboats to carry the whole party; and, as each had its band of music, was handsomely decorated, and well filled with ladies in gay dresses, and the Knights Templars in the uniform of their respective Commanderies, the scene on the river was a very brilliant one.

When at last the Convocation was enabled to attend to business without interruption, the matters which came before it, though they produced much discussion, were finally settled to the general satisfaction. We refer more particularly to the well known existing trouble between the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia and of the State of Maryland and the Potomac Chap-

ter. We had intended to annex to this Report a copy of the votes passed in regard to this matter, and of the other votes passed at the Convention, but have not as yet been able to procure a correct copy.

Previously to our leaving Massachusetts, our attention was directed to the vote passed by this Grand Chapter, instructing its representatives at this meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to use their most earnest efforts to obtain a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter; and, failing to obtain such a dissolution, to seek a peaceable withdrawal therefrom agreeably to the obligations of Royal Arch Masons. In obedience to this vote, we had a full and free conversation with the other members of the General Grand Chapter upon the question of its dissolution, and were soon satisfied that such a proposition would meet with no support whatever in the Convocation. these circumstances, and after much consideration, we were unanimously of opinion that it would be indiscreet to take any further and more public steps in this direction. The other alternative presented by your vote, that we seek a peaceable withdrawal from the Convocation, could not, in our judgment, have been attempted at that time, and before an opportunity had been offered of once more presenting the subject for your consideration, without lessening to a very great degree the influence of Massachusetts in other Masonic Bodies then meeting in St Louis, and producing a very disagreeable feeling in the hearts of all the Masons then so happily assembled in Missouri. The production of such a result did not seem to us consistent with our obligations as Royal Arch Masons, which, in this same vote, you had so particularly and so properly directed us not to violate.

We trust that our conduct upon the subject matter of this vote will meet with your approbation.

You will permit us also in closing, to add, that we could not fail to observe that the influence of this Convocation upon the general welfare of the Masonic Order was most beneficial, and tended greatly to promote that universal love or charity, as St.

Paul calls it, which is the "corner stone upon which the edifice of Masonry has been erected."

CHARLES A. WELCH, Proxy for G.H.P. T. H. EMMONS, Proxy for D.G.H.P. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, G.K. HENRY CHICKERING, Proxy for Scribe.

The following communications from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests were received:—

> Office of the Secretary of the Convention of High Priests, No. 808 Washington St., Boston, March 10, 1868.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:—

Companions, - I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, of informing you, that, on the evening of the 10th of March, 1868, M.E. Edward Storer, of Menotomy Chapter; M.E. Frederick A. Pierce, of St. Paul's Chapter; M.E. E. C. Chamberlin, of St. John's Chapter; M.E. Charles G. Reed, of Worcester Chapter; M.E. Charles Harris, of Cambridge Chapter; M.E. Isaac P. Carpenter, of Keystone Chapter; M.E. Charles H. Norris, of Washington Chapter; M.E. Timothy Stevens, of Sutton Chapter; M.E. R. H. Bailey, of Morning Star Chapter; M.E. Warren, Currier, of King Cyrus Chapter; M.E. Charles M. Avery, Chapter of the Shekinah; M.E. Robert Henry, of Fall River Chapter; M.E. Charles J. Danforth, of Mount Vernon Chapter; M.E. John A. Lee, of Adoniram Chapter; M.E. Thomas Winship, of Waverly Chapter; M.E. Benjamin Pope, of St. Matthew's Chapter; M.E. Alfred F. Chapman, of St. Andrew's Chapter, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,
Secretary of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS, No. 803 WASHINGTON St., BOSTON, June. 9 1868.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of

Massachusetts:—

Companions,—I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, of informing you, that, on the evening of the 9th day of March, 1868, M.E. L. N. Greenleaf, Chapter No. 2, Denver, Colorado and M.E. George Blake, of Mount Zion Chapter, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,

Secretary of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.

M.E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, presented the following Report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, for the year ending August 31, 1868, submit the following:—

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Committee find correct, that there was a balance of cash in							
his hands at the commencement of the year of \$403.95							
He has received for dues from thirty-eight Chapters 2,574.00							
For Dispensations for three new Chapters							
Interest on Investments							
His Disbursements have been as follows: —							
Rent of Hall and Gas							
Printing							
Charters							
Regalia							
Diploma Plate, and Printing Diplomas 470.00							
Banquets							
Charity							
Expenses of Grand Officers in visiting Chapters 256.33							
Insurance on Regalia 7.50							
Sundry bills, including Secretary and Tyler's fees, &c 187.33 2,403.33							
Balance on hand							

The Property of the	: G	ran	d (	Cho	ıpte	r c	ons	is/8	of			
1 City of Boston 5 per cent bond												1,000.00
6 Grand Lodge 6 per cent bonds												
7 shares Eliot National Bank .												700.00
2 ,, First National Bank					٠.							200.00
6 ,, National Bank of North	An	eri	ica		•							600.00
Cash in the hands of the Grand T	re:	asu	rer	•						•		1,168.96
Total												\$5.468.96

The Committee recommend the usual payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McCLELLAN. SOLON THORNTON.

Boston, Sept. 1, 1868.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing masonic year. A Committee was appointed to collect, assort and count the votes, when, the following Grand Officers were unanimously elected, viz.:—

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield		Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston		Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Jonathan P. Folsom, Lowell .		Grand King.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS, Salem .		Grand Scribe.
E. Peter C. Jones, Boston		Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston .	•	Grand Secretary.

- M.E. Richard Briggs, on retiring from the chair (his constitutional term having expired), made a short and appropriate address.
- M.E. Companion Briggs then installed M.E. Henry Chickering, the Grand High Priest elect, who announced the following appointments:—
- Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., Cambridge . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host. ALONZO C. BLETHEN, Lynn . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner. Daniel Upton, Adams . . . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.

JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS, Northampton				Grand Master Third Veil.
JOHN A. LEE, New Bedford				
GEORGE ROBINSON, Belchertown .				
JOHN P. ROBINSON, Boston,				
GEORGE L. HUNT, Northampton, \( \)				Grand Chaplains.
JOHN W. DADMUN, Winthrop,				<u>-</u>
EBEN. F. GAY, Boston,				Grand Stewards.
WILLIAM MERRIAM, Fitchburg,	•	•	•	Grand Stewards.
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston				Grand Lecturer.
JOHN W. DADMUN				Com. of For. Correspondence.
John McClellan, )				-
Solon Thornton,				Committee of Finance.
JOHN K. HALL, )				
WILLIAM PARKMAN,				
SAMUEL MILLARD, \				Committee of Charity.
THOMAS WATERMAN, )				·
WILLIAM PARKMAN, }				Trustees of the Funds.
RICHARD BRIGGS,	•	•	•	Trustees of the Fullus.
George H. Pike				Grand Tyler.

By request of the M.E. Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Briggs installed the officers thus elected and appointed with the usual formalities, when the customary proclamation was made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

On motion of M.E. Charles A. Welch, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.E. Companion Richard Briggs, for his valuble services during the three years of his official life, services which have been rendered especially acceptable to the Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction, for the kind, unobtrusive, and modest manner, in which they have always been performed.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to procure suitable jewels for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Stewards. The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form, when the members proceeded to the Banqueting Hall and partook of a collation.

# STATED CONVOCATION,

# **DECEMBER 8, 1868.**

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 8, A.D. 1868, R.A.M. 2398.

#### PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING				Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN				Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS .				Grand Scribe.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr				Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Alonzo C. Blethen .				
				Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Joseph C. Williams .				Grand Master Third Veil.
E. John A. Lee				Grand Master Second Veil.
E. THOMAS WINSHIP				Grand Master First Veil, p. t.
E. Peter C. Jones				Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .				Grand Secretary.
E. John P. Robinson				Grand Chaplain.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	3			Grand Lecturer.
E. EBEN F. GAY				Grand Tyler, pro tem

### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

John McClellan,	E. W. TOLMAN,	Wyzeman Marshall,
Solon Thornton,	A A. DAME,	John K. Hall,
JAMES KIMBALL,		DANIEL W. CRAFTS.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's. WASHINGTON. ADONIRAM. FRANKLIN. MORNING STAR. ST. PAUL'S. WORCESTER.

CHAPTER OF THE SHE-ORIENT. KEY STONE.

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MOUNT LEBANON. NORTHAMPTON.

James Kimball, in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, submitted the following Report, which was read and unanimously accepted.

The Committee appointed by the M.E. Grand High Priest to prepare resolutions on the death of M.E. Companion Dr. Jonathan G. Johnson, Past Grand King, would report the following preamble and resolutions: -

It having pleased the Great Disposer of all wants to call from time to eternity our M.E. Companion, Jonathan G. Johnson, Past Grand King, admonishing us again that death is fast removing from our number those of our aged Companions to whose fostering care and labors we are indebted for the present prosperity of our Institution, we, therefore, desire to place upon the Records of the Grand Chapter, a slight tribute of respect to the memory of our departed Companion.

Dr. Jonathan G. Johnson was born in the city of Newburyport, November 12, 1790; graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1810; and prepared himself for the practice of medicine, under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel Bradstreet, of that city. He entered at once upon his profession in Newburyport, where he continued to practice until a few days before his death, a period of more than fifty years. Companion Johnson was a gentleman of the old school, posessing elements of character which at once endeared him to all who had his acquaintance. As a physician he was ever ready to minister to the sick and suffering; and the humble and lowly ever found in him a friend and comforter. His genial nature made him a favorite with the young, to whom he was a kind friend and counsellor. In the various relations of life, his entire conduct was marked by a conscientious discharge of every duty; his purity of purpose, strict integrity of character, and his true christian charity, secured the respect of all classes of his fellow citizens.

Companion Johnson died in the city of Newburyport, on the 16th of October 1868.

As a Mason he became connected with our Institution at the age of 22; being initiated in St. Peter's Lodge in Newburyport, in 1812; receiving the Chapter Degrees in King Cyrus Chapter in 1813; elected Master of St. John's Lodge, in Newburyport, in 1816; and High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter, in 1828, and again in 1857; elected Grand King, in 1855. In his masonic duties he was often called upon to fill offices of honor and trust, and was ever ready to labor for the promotion of the best interests of our Institution. When the anti-masonic excitement caused the hearts of many to wax cold, he remained true and faithful to our Institution, adhering to it during all its persecutions, ennobling it not less by the integrity of his character, and the purity of his life, than by his ardent devotion to every good work by which its best interests might be promoted.

Therefore, Resolved, That, in the death of our late Companion, we mourn the loss of a true and steadfast friend; one whose long life was devoted to the best interests of our Institution, and, although he has been called from the pilgrimage of earth to the untried realities of another world, we rejoice in believing him fitted, by faith in God, and polished by a well ordered life, for the Great Master's use in that temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of our deceased Companion, and tender them the assurance of our sincere participation in their great affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Records of the Grand Chapter.

James Kimball.

John McClellan.

A. A. Dame.

The Report of the Committee on unaffiliated members, submitted at the last Convocation, was taken up, and, on motion of Companion R. M. Barker, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Companion Alonzo C. Blethen, Grand Principal Sojourner elect, and Companion Joseph C. Williams, Grand Master 3d Veil elect, were duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

Webster Chapter, at Webster, was consecrated, and its Officers installed by the M.E. Henry Chickering, Grand High Priest, on the 29th of October, A.D. 1868.

The following charitable donations were granted:—

Twenty-five dollars to Miss Martha Dexter.

Twenty-five dollars to Miss Lucretia Dexter, on motion of Rev. Companion Robinson.

Fifty dollars to the widow of Comp. Ebenezer Hancock.

Twenty-five dollars to the widow of Comp. J. Dickinson, on motion of M. E. Comp. Crafts.

Twenty-five dollars to the widow of Comp. Daniel Montague, on motion of Comp. H. Taber, 2d.

Fifty dollars to the daughters of Comp. William Learned, on motion of M. E. Comp. Thornton.

Twenty-five dollars to Comp. James Asher, by the Committee of Charity as per vote.

M.E. Solon Thornton stated to the Grand Chapter, that certain Companions at Plymouth had prepared a petition for a Dispensation for a Chapter, to be located at that place, and that the petition had been approved by the Chapter at Abington; but owing to some mistake on the part of the

petitioners, they had failed to have their petition present at this meeting of the Grand Chapter, but he had received a telegram requesting, if possible, that the petition should be referred to a Committee, this evening; otherwise it would be nearly a year before the Chapter would be in working order. Wherefore, it was *Voted*, That the petition aforesaid, when received, should be referred to a Committee, with directions to report direct to the Grand High Priest, when, if he was satisfied with the Report, he should grant the Dispensation prayed for.

The M.E. Grand High Priest appointed M.E. Companions Solon Thornton, Alfred F. Chapman, and John McClellan, a Committee on the Plymouth Petition.

The Committee having reported in favor of granting the Petition of the Companions at Plymouth for a new Chapter to be located in that town, and the M.E. Grand High Priest approving the same, a Dispensation was accordingly issued to William Seaver Danforth, Charles C. Doten, George S. Ryder, Moses Bates, William A. Thomas, Thomas Prince, Samuel B. Thaxter, Uriah Nash, and William H. Davis, by the name of Samoset Chapter, dated December 8, 1868, to be in force one year from the date hereof.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest.

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

# REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

## To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: -

Your Committee on Correspondence with our sister Grand Chapters, reports that, as last year, the reports were all placed in his hands at one time, so late, and at a period of the year when he is so occupied, that he feels he cannot do them, himself, or you, justice. He is therefore again compelled to make this report in a much more hasty manner than its importance demands, or not make it at all. This must be his excuse for many of its imperfections. With more time he could doubtless condense and abbreviate without detracting from its interest, and thereby add to its value.

I have examined, as time would permit, the Proceedings of nineteen Grand Bodies, as follows, and present such a synopsis of their transactions, extracts from addresses, reports, etc., as seem of the most general interest.

Arkansas	Nov 1868	Minnesota Oct 1867
California	Oct 1868	Missouri Oct 1867
Canada	Aug 1866, '68	Ohio Oct 1867
Connecticut	1867	Pennsylvania 1865, '66, '67
District of Columb	ia 1867	Rhode Island 1866, '67, '68
Illinois	Oct 1867	South Carolina . Feb 1868
Kentucky	Oct 1868	Tennessee Sept 1868
Louisiana	Feb 1868	Texas June 1868
Maine	May 1868	General Grand Chapter 1868
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#### ARKANSAS.

The nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held at Little Rock, November 12 and 13, 1868. M.E. Luke E. Barber, Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-one Chapters represented. We make the following quotations from the able address of the Grand High Priest:—

"And, Companions, let us all, by a full and free interchange of masonic thought, endeavor to impress upon each his duty to others. We are, in a sense, our brother's keepers. If we see him going wrong, it is our duty to warn; if he be in error, to instruct; if he be slothful and indifferent, to rouse and animate him to a just appreciation of masonic obligation; if he enter upon the paths of vice, to admonish, reprove, entreat him to return from the ways that lead to degradation, infamy, and death.

"It has not been within my power, during the past year, to visit the subordinate Chapters; nor has much information reached me as to the general progress of the Order; nor can I well form an opinion as to this, except so far as the granting or not granting of Dispensations for new Chapters may warrant a conclusion. Not a Dispensation has been applied for since our last Convocation. This fact, however, is not certain evidence that Capitular Masonry is not in a healthy condition. In the year preceding the past, I feared that too many new Chapters were being organized, though I did not feel justified in refusing the applications; and now, could I be assured that our Companions were perfecting themselves in the ritual of the Order, and endeavoring to elevate the tone of masonic thought and purify the hearts by a more intimate acquaintance with our moral instructions and masonic symbolisms, assured that this alone was the cause why there has been no effort to increase the number of Chapters, I should congratulate you and the Order upon the wisdom evinced by our Companions in this respect during the past year. But it may be that there are other causes, affecting their personal condition and relations. The attendant expenses are not easily borne by those who are struggling for necessaries; and I fear that there are not many of us exempt from this struggle. To this cause, I think, may be attributed the fact that I have no new Chapters to report."

Among the decisions of the Grand High Priest is one, that "suspension by a Blue Lodge for any cause, operates as a suspension in the Chapter;" and he argues, that although this differs from the custom in many places, it is right; and he was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The surplus funds of this Grand Chapter are appropriated to

aid Saint John's College, an educational institution initated a few years since by the Grand Masonic Bodies of that State.

The several Chapter degrees were conferred on two persons, and that of the Royal Arch on three — apparently for the purpose of exemplifying the work — one of whom was proposed and balloted for in Grand Chapter. Charters were granted for three new Chapters. The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Samuel W. Williams, and is an able and fraternal review of the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Massachusetts briefly included. He quotes freely from addresses and reports, and comments in a very racy, and sometimes caustic, readable style, and with discrimination. We copy from his concluding remarks, which our own experience enables us heartily to endorse: —

"But no one who has ever undertaken the task of reading with care three or four thousand pages of printed matter, and extracting from them matters of interest, but is aware that justice cannot be done in a few lines, either to the subject, the writer, the Proceedings reviewed, or the Craft to whom the report is made."

We find no table of statistics. M.E. Luke E. Barber, of Little Rock, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. W. D. Blocher, of Little Rock, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### CALIFORNIA.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at San Francisco, October 19 and 20, 1868. M.E. Isaac Sutven Titus, Grand High Priest, presiding, with thirty-one chartered Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest, is brief and confined principally to a recital of his official acts. He alludes very feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Henry H. Hartley, and pays a fitting tribute to his memory. Of the prosperity of the Order there, he says:—

"I cannot refrain from congratulating you upon the harmony which prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, and the prosperity with which nearly all of our subordinates has been attended during the past year."

Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted by him, and at this meeting a Charter ordered to issue to it, and also to another new Chapter which had not been under Dispensation.

Comp. Lawrence C. Owen again presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which is an able and discriminating review of the Proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, leaving only four unheard from. He says:—

"The labor of preparing a paper of this kind is most always a pleasant one, and it has been particularly so to the writer this year, for it enables him to spread the glad tidings that unexampled prosperity has, in almost every jurisdiction, been the attendant of the Royal Craft. Except in the matter of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the utmost harmony prevails, and we feel very sure that the unfortunate differences existing on that account will soon be adjusted, and that in every portion of our beloved country we will 'dwell together in unity."

He gives Massachusetts a gentle hint, that she, or her compiling officer, had better foot her table of statistics, in the following words:—

"Comp. Chickering complains of sundry Grand Chapters for not furnishing statistics. We have also had occasion to find the same fault, and to include his own Grand Chapter in the category, for we were compelled to do our own additions to ascertain that there were thirty-seven chartered Chapters now on its roll, with a membership of four thousand five hundred and eightynine, besides four under Dispensation, the membership of which is not given."

This hint, I trust, we shall profit by, and not again neglect the matter of footings. Any one who makes the Report on Correspondence will appreciate the importance of this, while for reference it is of great convenience to all. Returns from thirty-five Chapters show a membership of 1,546; exalted during the year, 206; affiliated, 39; restored, 13; withdrawn, 125; suspended and excluded, 35; died, 11; rejected, 11.

M.E. John W. Harville, of San Francisco, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Lawrence C. Owen, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### CANADA.

We have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1866 and 1868. At the Annual Convocation in 1866, the Grand Z. (High Priest), in his address, reports harmony as existing between the Chapters and Companions, and says: "It is with sincere pleasure I am able to declare, that with all our sister Grand Bodies our communications and relations are of the very kindliest description."

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters during the year, and at this meeting Warrants of Constitution were ordered to be given to them. Comp. James Seymour, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a report reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters in a dignified and discriminating manner, in which Massachusetts is very kindly and fraternally noticed. He thinks it is a question whether a necessity exists for the General Grand Chapter of the United States, though he adds: "We confess from careful examination of its Constitution and Proceedings, that we are not strongly prepossessed in its favor when we find that it has so far failed to secure uniformity of work." He says:—

"Sixty years of existence ought to have produced more satisfactory results than those claimed by its best friends; and if the future is not brighter with promise than the past, our candid opinion is, that the collapse of the General Grand Chapter would be an event that would do more good to Royal Arch Masonry than its continued existence could possibly secure. In thus placing our views on record concerning this American bone of contention—and such it really appears to be—we do so on broad masonic grounds, based on the well-being of the Royal Craft throughout the continent, rather than from any desire to obtrude our opionions or meddle with what might otherwise be regarded as a domestic or family quarrel. In the latter sense it is their own affair, and having drawn "an elephant," they should find some practical use for it; but in the former, its utility is open to fair outside criticism, and in this spirit we cannot do otherwise than pronounce against the concern."

He closes with the following: -

"They would also express their unalloyed satisfaction at the large measure of prosperity observable in nearly every Grand Body whose Proceedings have come under notice. Harmony appears to reign supreme in the general conduct of their affairs, fervency and zeal seem to animate all in carrying out the exalted principles of the Royal Craft; and better still, wherever differences have prevailed, the warmest solicitude is expressed that they should be blotted out of remembrance, in order to the most perfect reconciliation between every member of our mystic family. May this spirit ever continue, and Masonry will pursue her glorious mission, in subduing the passions and elevating the nobler instincts of mankind, till time shall be no more, when the world's Great Architect will call us to that better land."

Returns from twenty-three Chapters show a membership of 847. M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z. (High Priest), and Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Scribe.

The Annual Convocation for 1868 was held at Montreal, August 11, M.E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., presiding; twenty-seven Chapters represented, including two under Dispensation. From the address of the Grand Z. it appears that Dispensations were granted to two new Chapters, and at this meeting Warrants of Constitution were granted them. A "Warrant of Affiliation" was also granted to New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, St. John. He also states that—

"All the Grand Bodies evince a most kindly feeling towards us, and their Proceedings show a degree of prosperity on their own parts that is much to be rejoiced at, and is a subject of and for sincere congratulation."

Preliminary measures seem to have been taken for constituting one General Grand Chapter for the Dominion, including Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; but as these Provinces have now their respective Grand Lodges, fully organized and recognized, he thinks:—

"There can be no doubt that independent Grand Chapters' may be at once established in each by the Companions residing and working therein."

He denounces, as did his predecessor, in severe terms; Fenianism and its acts of violence, and recommends that they "stamp them out;" and adds, "The second of our ancient charges' should be replete with interest to every member of our Order, and he can never find a better guide to what is his strict duty as a citizen and loyal subject." The Grand Chapter approves and endorses in strong terms.

The reports represent a good degree of harmony and prosperity. The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Henry Robertson, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Bodies, Massachusetts briefly included. It consists mostly of a very brief summary of the Proceedings of these Bodies, decisions, rules, extracts, etc., with occasional comments, made in good spirit and with a discriminating judgment. He closes as follows:—

"Your Committee rejoice in being able to state that, on the whole, peace and harmony prevail throughout the length and breadth of the land, and that the Royal Art is everywhere in a flourishing condition, extending the blessings of brotherly love and charity over the waste and desolate places of the earth, and nobly striving to fulfil the end and aim of its existence—
'The amelioration of the condition of mankind.' So mote it be."

Reports from twenty-nine of the thirty Chapters on the roll show a membership of 1,206; "registrations reported," 195; "joinings," 14; withdrawals, 46; suspensions, 26; deaths, 6.

M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z., and R.E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, re-elected Grand Scribe.

### CONNECTICUT.

The Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at New London, Nov. 6, 1867, M.E. James L. Gould, Grand High Priest, presiding, for the purpose of exemplifying the work; besides which no other business of moment was done.

The Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 12, 1868, M.E. James L. Gould, Grand High Priest, presiding, and twenty-six Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his ad-

dress, dwells upon the importance of scrutinizing care as to the character of candidates, and recommends a regulation forbidding the conferring of the Capitular degrees on non-affiliated Masons. He also argues against the custom of installing officers by proxy. The following resolutions, covering the two latter points, were passed:—

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to confer the degrees of Capitular Masonry, or either of them, upon any candidate, unless he be a member in good standing in a just and lawfully constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Resolved, That hereafter no officer elect, either in this M.E. Grand Chapter, or in any of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, shall be installed by proxy.

Resolved, That should any officer elect of this M.E. Grand Chapter be absent at the time of the regular installation of officers, the M.E. Grand High Priest shall issue his Dispensation to some proper Companion, authorizing and instructing him to install such absent officer elect, at such time and place as shall be therein designated.

Resolved, That in case any officer elect of any subordinate Chapter shall be absent at the time of the regular installation of officers of such Chapter, it shall be the duty of the M.E. High Priest of such Chapter to install said officer elect at the first subsequent Convocation at which he may be present.

The subject of conflict of authority in the organization of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia was alluded to by the Grand High Priest, in his address, and referred to a committee, who subsequently reported upon the facts and recommended the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, having full confidence in the integrity and masonic skill of the Companions who have been selected to govern aud superintend the labors of the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, and believing the said Grand Chapter to be properly and carefully instituted, does hereby acknowledge and recognize the said Grand Chapter as the governing head of Capitular Masonry within the said District of Columbia; and we do cordially extend to the said Grand Chapter the right hand of fellowship, and receive her as a beloved member of the great American family of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our old friend and companion, William Storer, who reviews the Proceedings of some twenty-five Grand Chapters in a discriminating and exhaustive report of seventy-five pages, in which he quotes freely from those reports, and comments fearlessly, but with a good sense and judgment, showing a mind well stored with masonic law and usage, thoroughly combined with a knowledge and love of our principles. Our own Proceedings are very fully reviewed, and a very handsome and deserved compliment paid to Comp. Kimball, late Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the closing paragraphs of his report copied. There are also kind allusions to your present Committee, of which we wish we were more deserving; and he quotes a page or more of the conclusion of our last report. The spirit of this report is good throughout, and the whole marked with fairness and ability. We cannot pass it without quoting the following: -

"And here we close our annual review of Capitular Masonry. It is by no means what we could wish it was; but nevertheless it has cost a much greater amount of time and labor than one unaccustomed to similar efforts can well imagine. Its preparation has occupied many weeks of close application, and many a time since its commencement has the aching head and dimmed eye of advancing age warned us to desist. But it has been, notwithstanding, a labor of love. Often, in perusing the beautiful sentiments which have been photographed on the pages of our gifted Companions all over the land, have we been constrained to pause and admire the exalted excellence of an Institution which is founded on the principles of light and love and truth, and which enrolls in its membership so many minds capable of imparting delight and instruction to their fellow-men. O that every Mason would constantly and conscientiously practice their teachings.

"During the long and dreary years which closed with A.D. 1865, we were almost entirely cut off from all communication with our Brethren and Companions in the Southern portion of the Republic, and we had no means of knowing their actual condition. But since the return of peace, we are again favored with the fraternal correspondence of several of the Southern jurisdictions, and we begin to know and feel how much they have suffered. Located, as they are, in the immediate vicinity of the stirring events which have formed so large a part of the history of the last few years, they have had sad experience of the devastatiors of war. They find their altars overthrown, their temples demolished, their membership scattered, the exchequers of their Lodges and Chapters exhausted. But it is gratifying to

know that they are not therefore discouraged. The living principle of Masonry—the principle of brotherly love, relief, and truth—still exists in all its freshness and vigor. In the few Southern jurisdictions from which we have returns, we are glad to know that our Companions are re-erecting their desolated altars, and re-kindling the sacred fire. They seem to be determined, relying on the Supreme Grand High Priest for assistance, to persevere in their efforts, until they finally rebuild all their waste places. We take pleasure in assuring them that they have the fraternal sympathy of every true Brother and Companion, and our fervent prayer is, that nothing shall again interrupt their prosperity.

"Finally, our annual survey has afforded pleasing evidence that the career of our beloved Institution is still onward and upward. So may it ever be."

Reports from twenty-seven subordinate Chapters show a membership of 3,066; exalted during the year, 374; admitted, 12; withdrawn, 17; died, 42; suspended, 1; expelled, 2.

Several of the Chapters in this State are very large, one having three hundred and seventy-four members; another, three hundred and forty; another, two hundred and forty-four; thirteen, over one hundred each; and the average of the twenty-six whose numbers are given, being over one hundred and eighteen.

M.E. James L. Gould, of Bridgeport, and E. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, were severally re-elected Grand High Priest and Secretary for the ensuing year, and Comp. Storer, of West Hartford, reappointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have before us the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year 1867, including preliminary meetings, organizations, etc. It contains besides a detailed account of the steps taken in its formation, and goes at length into the whole history of conflict of authority between itself and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, the General Grand High Priest, Potomac Chapter, etc. The addresses of the Grand High Priest, Holmead, are long, and principally taken up with labored arguments to prove their course legal. Some of it seems to us like special pleading, and not altogether in good taste or masonic spirit. But as the General Grand Chapter at its late Triennial Convocation fully recognized this Grand Chapter, we suppose this settles the difficulty, though she may hesitate to resign jurisdiction over Potomac Chapter, and Maryland may dislike as much to yield jurisdiction over the District; and it seems hardly worth while to go into the subject again now, but to let the past go and strive for future peace, harmony, and good-will. Having been thus recognized, we gladly extend to her the cordial right hand of fellowship and welcome her into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and to this end I would recommend that she be formally recognized by vote of this Grand Chapter.

The returns show five subordinates, with a membership of 498; exalted during the year, 149; affiliated, 8; reinstated, 11; withdrawn, 42; died, 5; dropped, 39; suspended, 2; expelled, 6; rejected, 8.

At the Annual Meeting in November, M.E. J. E. F. Holmead and R.E. Noble D. Larner, both of Washington, were severally re-elected to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, and M.E. Comp. R. B. French was appointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

### ILLINOIS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation, at Springfield, on the 4th of October, 1867, M.E. Orlin H. Minor, Grand High Priest, presiding, and eighty-seven Chapters represented.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest relates entirely to local matters, and contains little of general interest. From it we learn that Dispensations were granted during the year for eleven new Chapters. A rule was adopted, providing that the application of a rejected candidate should not be again received until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.

H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a report reviewing the Proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, many of them very briefly. They quote quite freely in the review of Massachusetts from the report of M.E. Companion Kimball for 1866, in reference to the work in Canada. He goes very fully into the case of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, occupying ten pages in very fine type, and quoting many of the papers and documents issued by the different parties to the case.

The following resolution in reference to the use of substitutes in the the Royal Arch Degree was passed:—

Resolved, That the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter; and if any Chapter violates this resolution it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest at once to arrest its Charter.

Number of working, chartered Chapters, 109; under Dispensation, 2; total, 111; members returned, 5,724; estimated members not returned, 150; total, 5,874; exaltations during the year, 1,150; admitted, 88; dimitted, 215; expelled, 11; suspended, 23; rejected, 107; died, 48.

M.E. Comp. George H. Lininger, of Peru, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, of Springfield, reelected Grand Secretary.

# KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Body was held at Louisville, October 19 and 20, 1868, M.E. I. T. Martin, Grand High Priest, presiding, with seventy-two Chartered Chapters and eight under Dispensation, represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a concise and able document. After alluding to the causes for thankfulness, and the warm and heartfelt greetings with which they assemble, he alludes very feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Rev. W. H. Forsythe, and says, among other things of him:—

"And in this connection it will be proper, perhaps, for me to perform the painful duty of announcing to you the death of our Past Grand High Priest, Rev. W. H. Forsythe, who departed this life on the 4th day of September 1868, after a brief illness. To most of you his name is a household word; he was many times elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and often Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter; and while presiding over this Grand Chapter, did so with such singular ability and fraternal kindness as to attach to him all with whom he came in contact. In early life the Bishop, as he was familiarly called, was an opponent of our Institution, and remained so until he espoused the cause of our Redeemer, at which time he became a warm and zealous member of our Order, and Paul was no warmer in advocating the Christian religion after his conversion, and which he persecuted before with so much vigor, than was the Bishop, of Masonry, after he entered in its cause. He was its earnest, zealous supporter, illustrating the purity and sublimity of its teachings by the rectitude of his life and conduct. He was ever found in the discharge of duty."

# Of the condition of the Order in that State, he says: -

"It is with great pleasure that I am enabled to report to you perfect peace and harmony throughout our jurisdiction. Not a note of discord has been heard throughout the last year. While prosperity has abounded in all sections of our State, and while the material of the temple has been greatly added to, it has been such as has stood, and we trust will stand, the Grand Overseer's squares, true, tried, and trusty, showing the outer courts of our tabernacle have been well and truly guarded, and such has been the harmony in our subordinate Chapters, that no question of importance has been referred to me for my official decision, and this we feel to be a source of gratulation to this Grand Chapter, and especially so, when we consider the number of Chapters and members."

In reference to the work, he says, there is a great want of uniformity in the jurisdiction, and earnestly recommends the appointment of a Grand Lecturer as the best way to obviate this difficulty, and says, "I do this while I know your prejudices against Grand Lecturers."

Dispensations were granted during the year for five new Chapters, and to one to resume labor; and there are now, as he states, more than one hundred Chapters in the State.

From his closing remarks we quote:-

"You will permit me to congratulate you on the general prosperity of our Institution everywhere — its march is onward, and upward —

"Like some tall cliff it lifts its awful form, —
Swelling from the vale, midway leaves the storm;
While circling clouds around its breast may spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

"So will it ever be, while we have enrolled among our members the wisest and best men in the land, and while truth and virtue characterize our membership. Notwithstanding there is a muttering in the North of anti-masonic sentiment, yet in the future, as in the past, it will pass away before the principles of Eternal Truth, upon which our superstructure is securely erected. Nothing is to be feared from any quarter while our members practice the teachings of Masonry.

"It is a remarkable fact that thousands do not heed, that it leads a man step by step to the foot of the cross, and points him to an ascended Redeemer for salvation, while it teaches him to practice every Christian virtue."

The resources of this Grand Chapter, including cash on hand, are \$11,273.59.

Charters were granted to six new Chapters, and one which had recommenced work had its Charter restored. The death of Past Grand High Priest, Humphrey Jones, was announced, and suitable resolutions passed.

There was no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Returns from eighty-five Chapters show a membership of 3,701; exaltations, 457; admitted, 56; rejected, 31; expelled, 3; suspended, 42; restored, 4; dimitted, 161; died, 40. Of the number of members, 190 are reported as ministers.

M.E. Richard G. Hawkins, of Louisville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. P. Swigert, of Frankfort, re-elected Grand Secretary.

### LOUISIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual. Convocation at New Orleans, February 11, 1868, M.E. H. P. Buckley, Grand High Priest, presiding, and fifteen Chapters being represented. The address of the Grand High Priest relates almost entirely to local matters. He speaks of death having been busy among them, and having removed several Com-

panions, and mentions the case of one of the subordinate officers of that Grand Chapter having been murdered while pursuing his daily avocation. He says, that "harmony prevails throughout this jurisdiction."

E. Comp. Wm. H. Leake, from Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report reviewing the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts not included. The review of nearly all of them is quite brief, but discriminating; and such comments as are made, independent and fearless; the subject of the Grand Chapter of the district of Columbia receiving more attention, and occupying more space, than any other subject.

Returns from twenty-five Chapters show a membership of 1,504; exalted during the year, 133; affiliated, 36; dimitted, 66; died, 49; stricken from the roll (for non-payment of dues), 72; expelled, 2; reinstated, 1.

M.E. Samuel H. Todd, of New Orleans, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, M.D., of New Orleans, re-elected Grand Secretary.

By the Constitution of this Grand Chapter any Companion is eligible to any office in it, provided only that he be an active member of a Subordinate Chapter under its jurisdiction. They also forbid Chapters receiving the application of an unaffiliated Mason.

#### MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was held at Portland, May 4, 1868, M.E. Josiah H. Drummond, Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-five of the twenty-six chartered Chapters in the State, represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is an able and practical document. He congratulates them that they once more meet in a tabernacle dedicated to Masonry, the Craft in Portland having "rebuilded the waste places of their Zion." Of the condition of the Order in that State, he says:—

"While, during the year just closed, the accessions to our numbers may not have been as great as in the two preceding years, I believe our prosperity has never been greater. The utmost harmony has generally prevailed; the officers and members have, as a rule, been zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; the 'outer door' has been well guarded, and a closer observance of our rules has been required."

He deprecates the practice of using substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, and says he cannot reconcile it with the charge to the High Priest at his installation; and we fully agree with him.

Five new Chapters were chartered and constituted during the year, and Dispensations granted for four others.

He recommends merging the Grand Chapter Library in that of the Grand Lodge, the members of both Bodies to have equal rights and privileges in it, thus making it more full and complete, and more valuable than many smaller ones, with the interests of all centering in it. He also urges the importance of having preserved a complete set of the published Proceedings of the Body, and, as some of them are not to be had, recommends their re-publication, and thinks many would be taken and paid for by the Companions, thus lessening the expense to the Grand Chapter. The preservation of a complete set of the Proceedings of all our Bodies, and also copies of all Chapters, is very important, and the time will come when they will be considered invaluable.

The subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is mentioned, and he invokes the most deliberate and careful attention to it. In speaking of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to be held at St. Louis in October, he says, "It will be the turning point in its history. It will prepare the way either for its speedy dissolution or for a career of prosperity and usefulness," and adds, "In my humble judgment it should do one of two things, either dissolve or maintain its authority."

Among the decisions made by the Grand High Priest is, that an objection to an elected candidate before any degree is conferred on him, is equivalent to a rejection, without reasons for the objection being given, and should be so recorded. We believe this

is contrary to the rule in some jurisdictions at least, if not in most, where the custom is to refer objections to a Committee or Chapter to be investigated, and if not removed to require a new ballot. As to the ritual and work, he urges adherence to "the primitive form, and on the basis of its simplest and most ancient ritual;" and adds, "If the ritual is to be remodelled and perfected to suit the wants of the age, not one timber in its most ancient framework should be changed or disturbed." So say we. Let us have done with remodelling and perfecting what we shall not be likely to improve, and adhere to the old landmarks. We copy the following paragraph:—

"The future of Royal Arch Masonry is bright with the promise of prosperity and usefulness. There is to be just opposition enough to remind us of our duties. There are to be just adverse winds enough to cause us to keep the sails well trimmed, a sharp lookout for shoals, and a steady hand at the helm. Our enemies who attack us, not on account of our faults but on account of our principles, will do us essential service. But we must adhere to the landmarks, setting our faces as flint against innovations, come from what source they may."

During the Convocation, Comp. Oliver Gerrish, Grand Treasurer, presented a communication, declining to be again a candidate for that office, and stating that he was first elected to the office in 1831, and had held it from that time to the present—a term of thirty-seven years,—except three years during the "dark ages," when he presided as Grand High Priest,—making thirty-four years service in the office of Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is from the pen of M.E. Grand High Priest, Josiah H. Drummond, who reviews the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, in a very able and discriminating manner, and it is the most comprehensive and thorough report of the kind that we have seen. He seems to be much more fortunate than we in getting the reports from other Bodies, and, in the absence of several from our table, we avail ourselves again, as last year, of some of the facts in his tables of statistics and officers. This

report goes quite fully into a history of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and the difficulty between it and the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia. He takes the ground that the Grand Chapter of the District was legally formed; that the consent of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter was necessary; that the consent of the General Grand High Priest by telegraph, in response to a letter from Comp. Whiting, was sufficient, and having been thus given, it was too late to withdraw it. But, though arriving at this conclusion as to the legality of its organization, he takes the ground that the General Grand High Priest having declared that it was not legally formed, that decision is law, which we must carefully obey until the session of the General Grand Chapter, which Body he thinks should reverse that decision, and in closing offered resolutions to that effect, which were referred to a committee, of which he was made chairman. Massachusetts is briefly noticed, but in a kind and courteous manner, and our last years Report on Foreign Correspondence more flatteringly commented on than it deserves. He adds, in speaking of this report, -

"He devotes four pages to Maine, quoting approvingly; and also says: 'The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are admirably arranged, complete, and full, with a capital index.' But we can scarcely yet afford to get them up in the style of his own. Every thing shows that our Mother Grand Chapter is accomplishing her mission harmoniously and prosperously.

We thank him for the kindly mention of the "Mother Grand Chapter," and perhaps we ought to add in reference to the preceding words, that the infliction of so long a report as ours of last year, was almost too much for her. We must repeat in substance what we said last year, though in stronger terms, that in fullness, completeness, admirableness of arranagement, needful information upon Capitular Masonry, index, etc., the Maine Proceedings are among the best, if not the very best, we have seen, and are a model for imitation; and we must add, that in

all this we see the guiding hand, and prolific, directing mind of Comp. Drummond.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, reported the following resolutions, which were passed:—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that the M.E. General Grand Chapter of the United States ought, at its next session, to recognize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Body, having exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District, subject only to the Constitution and Laws of said General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That we fraternally exhort all the Masons of the District of Columbia to lay aside all "private piques and quarrels," to reconcile their differences, and to sacrifice their animosities, upon the altar of Masonry, that through them it may not become a by-word and reproach among the people; assuring them that we shall hail with joy the day when we shall be permitted again to greet them under the Royal Arch.

Preliminary steps were taken to amend the Constitution so as to provide that —

"It is the duty of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and District Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, to improve themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, and to make themselves masters of the several masonic lectures and ancient charges; and it shall be the duty of each one of them in person, at least once in each masonic year, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in his District, and give such lectures and instruction as will tend to a proper and uniform mode of working, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order; and their actual traveling expenses for such visit shall be paid by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Council shall divide the State into Districts, and shall annually appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest for each District, except those in which reside either the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe.

Returns from all the Chapters in the State, twenty-six under Charter, and four under Dispensation, show a membership of 2,210; exaltations during the year, 400; non-affiliated, 34; rejected, 36; suspended, 1; dimitted, 31; deceased, 26.

M.E. Comp. James M. Larrabee, of Gardiner, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, reelected Grand Secretary.

### MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We are not in possession of the full Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, but have before us a synopsis of so much of the Proceedings of its Convocation held Nov. 11, 1867, as refer to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and we copy the following preamble and resolutions, which will perhaps more fully and briefly explain its action than we could otherwise do, — premising that the resolutions were adopted, the first by a vote of eighteen to four, and the others unanimously.

Whereas, On the 16th of May last, this Grand Chapter, under a misapprehension of the authority received in a certain telegram from the M.E.G. Grand High Priest, passed a resolution declaring a division of the jurisdiction be complete, and

Whereas, The M.E.G. Grand High Priest has since issued his edict, declaring the formation of the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to be irregular, and to have no valid legal existence, 'and

Whereas, No division of the jurisdiction could legally be effected without amendments to the Constitution, a proposition for which must be made at one Stated Convocation and lie over till the next Stated Convocation before action thereon; therefore,

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the two Special Convocations in March and May last, so far as they relate to a division of the jurisdiction, were irregular and illegal, and that this Grand Chapter still retains the name and character of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia.

Resolved, That the action of the M.E. Grand High Priest in suspending the Charters of Chapters Nos. 15, 16, and 20, be and is hereby approved; and their suspension is hereby continued.

Resolved, That the Charters of Chapters Nos. 15, 16, and 20, or duplicates thereof, be restored to such sufficient number of the members of said Chapters as may apply to the M.E. Grand High Priest and satisfy him of their good standing.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter fully endorses the action of the M.E.Grand High Priest in declaring the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to be irregular and clandestine, and that it has no valid legal existence, and all masonic intercourse with it or its members is hereby strictly forbidden by this Grand Chapter.

The Chapters referred to in the second and third resolutions, it will of course be understood, are those in the District of Columbia which formed the new Grand Chapter.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, written by Comp. E.

L. Stevens, also goes over a history of the matter, and discusses the subject at considerable length. But we incline to think you have heard enough of this matter. The spirit evinced in all these documents does not seem to be one that is likely to promote harmony or a speedy settlement of this unfortunate and complicated Document after document has been issued upon each side, the tendency of which, instead of being conciliatory, has been calculated to widen the breach. Unwise and impolitic steps, to say the least, have undoubtedly been taken by both parties, and each has gone on denouncing one and another Body or person as clandestine, illegal, or unconstitutional, suspending, expelling, etc., apparently with more of a spirit of wilfulness and determination to maintain its own position at all hazards, than a desire, through reasonable concessions, to secure harmony and peace, until they have got into a muddle that it will be difficult for any one to lead them out of. From the spirit hitherto evinced we do not believe this Grand Chapter will be satisfied with the settlement of the matter as just made by the General Grand Chapter, and we daily expect more edicts, - we fear before we can get this report off our hands. We are sick of the matter and of , the spirit manifested, and are not sure but it would be best to leave them all out in the cold till they can show a different and more masonic spirit, and exercise a little brotherly love.

It has come, as we expected. Since the foregoing was written we have received, printed in advance of its regular publication, that part of this Grand Chapter's Proceedings in November, 1868, which relate to this subject. And first, is the address of the Grand High Priest, captious in spirit, it seems to us, denouncing the action of the General Grand Chapter, as ex parte, unjust, unconstitutional, etc., and stating that after its action, he withdrew from the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, thus placing upon its course "the seal of our disapprobation," and he calls upon his Companions to decide whether they will longer remain under the General Grand Chapter. "Whether you will continue

joined to a factious and versatile power, without authority to enforce its own decrees? A 'nomine et umbra'—a shadow without a substance, a body without a living heart."

Next comes the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which the writer, among other things, after speaking of their own action in referring the proposition for a division back to the District Chapter, says, "Then ensued a series of blunders on both sides, resulting in a condition of things not so easy of solution." Of this we think there can be no doubt. He argues that the steps taken for the separation were illegal, is quite severe on Companion Mackey, and seems to attempt - though we do not see that he succeeds --- to answer certain questions of masonic law propounded by the Grand High Priests of Ohio and South Carolina in relation to the matter. In some of his allusions and remarks he is, to say the least, severe, and we fail to see that they indicate that he has "submitted his passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity." Take the following single quotation - and it is only one of many others similar in spirit — as an example : —

"The reading of these sentences excites in us pretty much the same feeling as must have existed in the breast of one whose utterances we lately read; to wit, that 'the worst of insults was to be kicked by a ——,' well we won't finish the quotation, but we do not the less dislike the sensation produced by the pedal jactitutions of a certain long-eared quadruped. We are not Darwinian enough to be gulled by such expressions in conclusion of such a document, as 'With malice toward none, with charity for all.' We made no promise as to our notice of the author of that report, and therefore cannot be accused of being false to our obligation. We feel that we have descended low enough toward the author 'to meet on the level,' and we think we have said enough to 'part on the square."

And last, but not least, comes the Report of the Committee of the Grand Chapter, to which the subject was referred, with resolutions offered by them. It is not said that they were adopted, but we suppose they were.

Resolved, That the action of the General Grand Chapter of the United States in regard to the District of Columbia, is in direct violation of its Constitution, and therefore null and of no effect, and has no binding force.

Resolved, That a State Grand Chapter has no right to violate its Constitution and to adhere to such action, and that the General Grand Chapter is more restricted in this respect.

Resolved, That we request the several State Grand Chapters to review their action, take into consideration all the facts of the case, and adopt measures in accordance therewith.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter believes that she has now placed herself in her proper position, and will maintain her rightful authority over every foot of the original territory of the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That the sentence heretofore pronounced by this Grand Chapter against her recusant subordinates and their members is hereby re-affirmed, and all those true to their allegiance are required to take due notice thereof, and act accordingly.

The resolutions do not seem to be very consistent with the declaration made in the report of the Committee, that their fealty to the General Grand Chapter "remains unchanged," and that they "intend to maintain our fealty."

From this last document it would seem that, as between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and that of the District, the difficulty is as far from being settled as ever; nor do we believe it ever will be till a different spirit is manifested than this document indicates. There is not the least spirit of concession, but a seeming determined purpose to maintain its own position at all hazards. We fear that our Companions there have forgotten that "a soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."

#### MINNESOTA.

The seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was held at St. Paul on the 21st of October, 1867, M.E. Comp. B. F. Smith, Grand High Priest, presiding, and ten Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly occupied with a detailed account of his official acts, and contains but little of general interest. We quote the following recommendation which might well be adopted by all our Grand Chapters:—

"I would respectfully recommend, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect and publish, with the printed Proceedings, all decisions made by the Grand Chapter, and resolutions now in force, for the benefit of subordinate Chapters, and thus avoid the frequent applications for decisions by the Grand High Priest. In a majority of cases the Grand Chapter as well as the Grand High Priest, has decided the same points. Once decided, that decision should stand, as law, until reversed, and those decisions be in the reach of all who are expected to be governed thereby."

The Grand High Priest rules that substitutes may be used in the Royal Arch Degree. What a pity that there cannot be some uniform rule adopted by all the Grand Chapters upon this subject. He also calls attention to the Past Master's Degree, and from some passages here and elsewhere in his address, it would appear that there is a great want of uniformity in the work of the Chapters of that State.

He speaks of the year having been one of great prosperity to Capitular Masonry in that State, giving cause for rejoicing at the prospect of their future success.

The following extract is too good to be passed over, and we therefore copy:—

"Not a discordant sound has been heard throughout our jurisdiction; harmony and good will has prevailed in all our Chapters (so far as I am advised) our numbers have been increased, and proper care observed in the admission of applicants, and their qualifications carefully scrutinized. These prudent precautions must produce a healthy growth in this branch of Masonry. In order to secure and perpetuate these blessings and future prosperity, our Council Chambers must be dedicated to the Royal Art, pure and free from the contaminating influences of vice and gross immorality. If necessary, let discipline be timely applied, and administered with strict justice and with firmness. Profanity and intemperance are as proper subjects of discipline as any other degrading or dishonest practices. He who professes reverence for God, and profanely calls upon the name of Jehovah, or he who addles his brain with strong drinks, and indulges in their accompanying degradations, is a disgrace to the honorable name of a Royal Arch Mason; better check these practices, if they exist, than permit the whole membership to become disgraced, or at least the feeble and weak from becoming contaminated and seduced by the influences of unworthy members. Let us love and respect the ancient landmarks of 'morality, order, and propriety;' for the triumphs of the past we are mainly indebted to virtuous action; the success of the future depends no less on the same virtuous practices."

Charters were granted for five new Chapters. Measures were also taken to secure greater uniformity of work, and much other business of local interest was transacted during its three or four days session.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence; nor do we find any return of membership or other statistics, except of exaltations, of which there appear to have been 152.

M.E. Comp. Luther Dearborn, of Faribault, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. W. S. Combs, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

## MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, Oct. 9, 1868. R.E. Comp. Martin Collins, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the absence of the Grand High Priest, presiding, with eighteen Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest seems to have been absent during the year, and the duties of the office have been mostly devolved upon Deputy Grand High Priest Collins, who presented an able and interesting report in which he says:—

"We have abundant reasons to rejoice in the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry, and I take the present occasion to congratulate the Companions throughout the State on the zeal manifested in carrying on the work, and the steadfastness with which they have held to our ancient landmarks. It has not been deemed necessary to issue edicts to the workmen in pursuance of our great design. Every one has been found diligent to 'observe and preserve' the important lessons taught in the first temple; and all knowing the law, have been satisfied to abide by the law."

The following paragraphs also seem of such interest that we quote: —

"The especial province of Royal Arch Masonry is to rebuild, and it is peculiarly adapted to the present condition of society in our State. The Commonwealth itself is rebuilding on the site of its first structure; the workmen are clearing away the rubbish, and gathering materials from wrecks of many of our desolated homes and institutions. Royal Arch Masons are in possession of valuable rules and guides, which, if wisely applied, will exert a magical influence in restoring to thrift the waste places, and causing the desert to blossom as the rose.

"Let us go forth among the ruins in the spirit of brotherly love, mindful of the injunctions we have received, and work diligently and zealously for the right, keeping fast hold of the memories that cluster round our former glory, and we may rest assured our labors will be rewarded. We may make valuable discoveries, as yet unknown to the Craft. Our Order will be potent far beyond the bounds of its mystic companionship, and our power will be the more revered because it is unseen. Under the benign influence of our time-honored principles the work of restoration will go steadily forward, and we may have the satisfaction of beholding 'the latter house even more glorious than the first,' and of realizing that in our efforts we have found peace.

"What is termed Royal Arch Masonry, in its intent and purpose, applies not only to the internal usages and government of the Chapter, but points with unerring finger to the preservation of harmony in social and civil affairs, and the restoration of what may have been lost by discord. It bids us to be up and doing; designates the spot where our toil is most needed, and will be productive of the most beneficial results.

"Masonic light can be of but little benefit hidden under a selfish individuality. It must cast its rays from the centre to the circumference in the circle of every Mason's influence to complete the measure of its effulgence, and to assert its benign origin.

"Missouri affords a wide field for the exercise of true masonic zeal and intelligence, and we have reason to believe that our band of earnest laborers is commensurate with the harvest to be gathered."

He pays a high and fitting tribute to the universally lamented Anthony O'Sullivan, for many years Grand Lecturer, Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in that State, and who died on the 11th of August, 1866. Fitting tributes are also paid to the memory of other Companions deceased during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. George Frank Gouley. His criticisms upon the Proceedings, Addresses, and Reports of the other Grand Bodies are sharp, caustic, and unsparing, and, though in general we think'his positions are right, again we cannot avoid the conclusion that we came to last year, that his own cutting remarks or political allusions are not always reflected to him in the same mirror that others are, or he would see that the same things he indulges in himself, he condemns in others. However, we fully agree with him in the established principles which he wants us all to live up to, that politics have no place in Masonry, and that in all our

Bodies we should have no sections or sectional differences; and we would add that we also adopt fully that early masonic teaching which tells us, that "by the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family—the high and low, rich and poor,—who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other. On this principal, Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." Does Comp. Gouley give us his hand on that?

Comp. Gouley comments at considerable length, and with his usual sharpness, on the subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia; but we think he misapprehends or was not in possession of some of the facts, which might, or might not, have influenced somewhat his conclusions.

The proceedings there have not exhibited that harmony and masonic bearing which we all wish could have obtained and actuated them all; but we regret that our Companion cannot on this as well as on other topics, exercise a little more charity in relation to acts and intentions of others, though we cannot doubt that he intends it all for good. As a specimen of the caustic pen with which Comp. Gouley writes, we quote the following from his concluding remarks:—

"A certain class dimit to escape dues, and of them we can only say that they 'cut their teeth on coin,' and never get weaned from the taste—they are joined to their idols and will be buried with them, first damned and then forgotten by the world. We hope the evil may rapidly grow less as we improve in fraternal relationship."

Twenty-five Chapters under Charter, and five under Dispensation, returned a membership of 1,367; exaltations, 272; admissions, 58; dimits, 114; deaths, 17; suspensions, 12; expulsions, 2; reinstatements, 11; rejections, 18. Increase of exaltations over previous year, 84; increase of membership, 222.

M.E. Comp. Martin Collins, of Saint Louis, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

## OHIO.

This Grand Chapter met in Annual Convocation, at Cincinnati, October 11, 1867, M.E. George Rex, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ninety-eight chartered Chapters, and two under Dispen sation, represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly occupied with a recital of his official acts, and the District of Columbia matter. He takes the ground that the Grand Chapter of the District was legally formed; that it had the right and authority to enforce obedience to its laws and edicts from every Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction, and consequently to suspend Potomac Chapter; and that the General Grand High Priest had no right to interfere. He recommends such action on the part of that Grand Chapter "as will sustain the action of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and recognize the legal existence of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and the propriety of its action in regard to said Potomac Chapter."

We think Comp. Rex misapprehended the position of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, which, though it once gave consent to the Chapters of the District to withdraw and form a Grand Chapter, soon reversed its action, and has since opposed its every step, and sustained Potomac Chapter in its refusal to acknowledge the Grand Chapter of the District. Comp. Rex in his discussion of this subject states very clearly the questions involved, as follows:—

- 1. Of the right of a State Grand Chapter to authorize any number of its subordinate Chapters to sever their connection with such Grand Chapter, and form a new Grand Chapter with exclusive jurisdiction over a portion of its territory.
- 2. Of the legal existence of the Grand Chapter of said District of Columbia.

- 3. Of the right of a Grand Chapter of a State or Territory to declare a Chapter working within its jurisdiction, under the authority of another Grand Chapter, clandestine, and interdict communication with it; and,
- 4. Of the right or power of the General Grand High Priest of said General Grand Chapter of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers enumerated in the Constitution of said General Grand Chapter, to annul the action of a State Grand Chapter.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Howard Matthews, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, somewhat at length, and in an able and impartial manner. We quote from his opening remarks:—

"To review such a mass of Proceedings would seem to be an arduous undertaking, but to us it has been indeed a labor of love. We can compare it to nothing more appropriately than to a stroll through a garden replete with most rare and beautiful flowers, whose rich and delicate perfume had filled the air, conferring pleasure and enjoyment upon every passer; while occasionally we would cross in our path a little wormwood, only to remind us of its bitterness. We have endeavored to cull for the entertainment and instruction of the Grand Chapter, a bouquet of the most beautiful of these flowers, rejecting such as possessed no superlative fragrance; leaving the wormwood to its bitterness trusting that, in a few years, at most, will die for want of cultivation.

"A number of interesting subjects are presented in these Proceedings, the most important of which is the General Grand Chapter, to which we refer in another part of this report.

"An interesting and important subject found cropping out in the Proceedings, is the necessity of requiring satisfactory proficiency in one degree before another is conferred. We hardly think an argument necessary to convince this Grand Chapter of the importance of this subject, The principle has been fully recognized and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with the most flattering results, and we earnestly recommend it to the attention of the Grand Chapter.

"The use of 'substitutes' is another thing generally discussed, with some difference of practice.

"We are happy in being able to report, that, with one exception, all is in harmony and peace, and that Capitular Masonry in the United States was never in a more prosperous condition. Our Southern Companions are diligently and industriously engaged in reclaiming the waste places and rekindling their altar fires, and we trust that in a few years they may realize a degree of prosperity never before reached. With the exception of Arkansas, we have heard from all the Southern Grand Chapters. And with our Companions of the North, there is a manifest desire to reforge the silver chain of brotherly

love which was broken by the war, and, forgetting the past, to be linked in perpetual amity with their Southern Companions in the future."

The review of Massachusetts is brief, but kind, and the report of our M.E. Comp. Kimball, on Foreign Correspondence, highly commended. In respect to the General Grand Chapter, after speaking of proposed amendments to the Constitution, he has the following, which so fully accords with our individual view, that we cannot forbear presenting it:—

"This proposed amendment is identically the same as that contained in the Constitution of 1853, which was modified to its present form in 1859, and it is an effort to regain supervision of the Grand Chapters. It seems to be a natural instinct in aggregated organizations to grasp for power; and should it be possible, although it is hardly probable, that the proposed amendment should pass, we should soon thereafter witness more exhorbitant demands. Does any one suppose for a moment that the Grand Chapter of Ohio is not more competent to legislate for the interests or welfare of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction than any Companions in New York, California, or elsewhere; or that they do not possess as much devotion or feality to the institution as they? Why, then, should we surrender to a foreign Body powers which we can exercise with more judgment ourselves? The same reasoning will apply with the same force to every other Grand Chapter. Then let us watch with jealousy these efforts to disturb the present status, convinced as we are, that under the regime as its exists, the various Grand Chapters are harmoniously and peacefully carrying forward the great objects for which they were established. We desire most earnestly to see the present General Grand Chapter continued, without any more powers, however, than it at present We believe its chief advantage is, that it enables the Companions of every section of our country to meet together periodically in social good fellowship, consult as to the general interests of the Institution, and around a common altar to renew their vows of brotherly love and affection.

"These attempts to increase the powers of the General Grand Chapter have already produced a great deal of restlessness on the part of several Grand Chapters, and we regret to see that some have signified, by resolution, that they have withdrawn. We trust, however, that these resolutions will be reconsidered, as has already been done by Indiana, and that at the session in 1868, to be held at St. Louis, every Grand Chapter in the United States will be represented.

"Come up, Companions of the East, South, West, and North, and, burying in obliviousness all remembrance of past differences, unite as constituent members of the General Grand Chapter, correcting any defects, if any there be, in its Constitution, so as to make it what it was intended to be — a blessing to Capitular Masonry.

"We urge you to come to the next Triennial Meeting at St. Louis, even if you are determined that you will no longer continue in connection with the General Grand Body, and let there be a mingling of Companions that will cause the great masonic heart to thrill with pulsations of joy and harmony that shall be felt and cherished to the remotest limits of our wide spread country. So mote it be."

To the following we most heartily say, So mote it be.

"We desire to urge upon Grand Secretaries the importance of sending forward their Proceedings promptly and without fail..... We would also suggest to Grand Secretaries the importance of preparing and presenting the statistics of Capitular Masonry in their jurisdictions, in order to arrive at the true condition of the Royal Craft."

A committee to whom the duty was assigned, pay a very fitting tribute to the memory of Comp. Platt Benedict, one of their oldest members and past officers, and a constant attendant, who died Oct. 26, 1866, being over ninety-one years of age; also one to the memory of Lewis Wright, a Past High Priest.

The Grand Chapter seems to have taken the same view of the District of Columbia matter that the Grand High Priest and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence did, and adopted the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter indorses the positions taken by the M. E. Grand High Priest in his address, and the Committee on Foreign Communications in their report, in relation to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter being thoroughly convinced of the legality of the organization of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, does now recognize it as a legal Grand Chapter and extend to it the right hand of brotherly love and friendly greeting.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

We are rather surprised that this Grand Chapter, acknowledging alliegance to the General Grand Chapter, should take such action, in the face of the edict of the General Grand High Priest. That it might express an opinion as to the questions involved, would seem natural and proper; but to proceed to recognize in this manner seems to us as a sort of defiance and act of insubordination; and that it would have been better to wait till the General Grand Chapter should have passed upon the question.

Six new Chapters were chartered, two Dispensations granted, and one continued.

We find the following decisions from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which were approved by the Grand Chapter:—

"After an applicant has received the degree of Mark Master, the ballot for the remaining degrees may be taken either at a Special or Stated Meeting, in open Lodge or Chapter of the degree to be conferred, and all the degrees may be conferred on the applicant on the same day. The mode of proceeding is as follows: The applicant having received the degree of Mark Master, a Lodge of Past Masters is opened, the ballot passed — if clear, the degree conferred, and the Lodge closed; and the same proceeding is had in the remaining degrees. A separate ballot is required for each degree.

"After a clear ballot, the fee deposited belongs to the Chapter, and should not be given up unless objection is made by a member, to conferring the degress on the applicant, in which case that fact and the name of the objector should be noted on the Journal, and the fee returned to the applicant. If the objection is withdrawn, the applicant is entitled to the degree upon again depositing the fee. The objection does not reconsider the ballot, it simply prevents it from operating.

"An applicant who, after a clear ballot in his favor, declines to receive the degrees, should not afterwards be permitted to receive them, unless his former action was based upon good and valid reasons."

M.E. George Rex, of Wooster, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

Chapters enrolled, 103; reported, 96; membership, 5,330; advanced, 950. Massachusetts with half the number of Chapters, has nearly as many members.

# PENNSYLVANIA.

We have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, which still retains the word "Holy" as a part of its title, for the years, 1855, 1856, and 1857, covering three Annual and eleven

Quarterly Convocations. At the first of these, February 20, appropriate notice was taken of the death of Past Grand High Priest, William Whitney. At the Convocation November 20, 1865, Comp. Samuel C. Perkins was elected Grand High Priest, and William H. Adams, Grand Secretary. At the Annual Convocation, December 27, the Grand Officers reported having granted Warrants for two new Chapters, and having applications for two others under consideration. At the Convocation February 19, 1866, the death of the Grand Secretary, William H. Adams, was announced, and feeling remarks made, and a committee appointed who, at the next Convocation, reported suitable resolutions, which were passed. At the Convocation in November, 1866, initiatory steps were taken to change the Constitution so as to make the fees to Grand Chapter as follows:—

For a warrant to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter, \$75; Most Excellent Masters' Lodge, \$50; Mark Masters' Lodge, \$50; for each Royal Arch Mason made, \$1.00; Most Excellent Master, 50 cents; Mark Master, 50 cents; membership in a Royal Arch Chapter, 40 cents; a Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodge, 40 cents.

"Provided that all Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodges meeting more than ten miles distant from the city of Philadelphia, shall have an allowance of twenty-five per centum upon the annual dues and fees for conferring degrees; and provided also, that no Chapter or Lodge shall be required to pay annual dues upon any one of its members for more than one degree.

"3d. For Grand Chapter Certificates, each . . . \$2 00."

An invitation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of their new Masonic Temple at Baltimore, was declined, because in the words of the resolution adopted, "it is not in accordance with the customs and usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, for Royal Arch Masons to take part, as such, in any public ceremonies or processions." Comp. Samuel C. Perkins was re-elected Grand High Priest, and John Thomson, Grand Secretary. At the Annual

Convocation in December 1866, the Grand High Priest conferred the Degree of Past High Priest on Comp. Henry A. Simms, Grand Scribe N. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and first officer of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, C.R., Ottawa. seem from their report, that a Grand High Priest can be installed in that jurisdiction only in the presence of Past High Priests, as all except such are requested to retire before the installation, and admitted afterwards. At the Convocation Aug. 1, 1867, a report on finances for the year, shows receipts for Warrants \$252; dues from Chapters, \$1,417.13; dues from Mark Lodges, \$474; from interest, etc., \$187.05. Total receipts, \$2,330.18; expenditures, \$2,183.74; balance of cash on hand, \$1,154.28; while the item for interest shows quite an investment besides. At the Convocation Nov. 7, 1867, Comp. George Griscom was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary. At the Convocation Dec. 27, 1867, Comp. William H. Allen, Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, presented a report, briefly, but discriminately, reviewing the Proceedings of twentythree Grand Chapters, from which we make the following extracts: -

"Since our last report, three years since, the return of peace has enabled us to receive the fraternal greetings of many Grand Chapters which were then shut out from communication with us by the iron cordon of war. We welcome them to our tabernacles and our hearts with that warm masonic sympathy which, during four weary years of strife and blood, we never ceased to feel. We have also the pleasure to congratulate our Companions of this jurisdiction and throughout the country, that the bitterness which marked too many of the published Addresses and Reports on Correspondence, both North and South, during the war and immediately after its close, is giving place to kindlier sentiments. Masons of all geograpical divisions and political creeds are realizing, as perhaps never before, that a Fraternity which encircles the globe and embraces humanity, must not bound its affections by degrees of latitude or longitude; and that the charity which suffers long and is kind, and which thinketh no evil, is as truly a masonic duty as that other kind of charity which raises a stricken brother from despair and soothes the cry of the orphan.

"Our correspondence indicates a high degree of prosperity and harmony in a large majority of the Grand Chapters in the United States. Never before, in the history of Capitular Masonry, have such multitudes sought and gained admittance to our sanctuaries; and if sufficient precaution has been used in the selection of the materials which have been offered, we have no fear that the beauty of our edifice will be marred, nor its strength diminished. We are not of the number of those who deprecate the extension of Masonry, for if we believe what we profess, that the Institution is beneficial to mankind; that it is the friend of good morals and the handmaid of religion; that it promotes peace on earth and good will among men, we ought to greet with a hearty welcome all good men and true who seek to learn our mysteries, and are willing to practice the virtues which Masonry inculcates."

# Of Massachusetts, he says: -

"We congratulate the Royal Craft on its condition in Massachusetts. The returns show a degree of prosperity not excelled in any jurisdiction. The Masons of that State have erected a new temple, which "for beauty and glory" surpasses that which was consumed by fire in 1864; but they still that there were treasures lost in the old which wealth cannot replace in the new."

From the address of Grand High Priest George Griscom, delivered after his installation at this Convocation, we make the following extract:—

"Never since its institution in Pennsylvania was the condition of Royal Arch Masonry so interesting as at present. The Order has entered on a career of great and unprecedented prosperity and is rapidly assuming the form of a power in the benign influences in the great commonwealth of Freemasonry throughout this vast nation."

From an address of Grand High Priest Samuel C. Perkins, Dec. 27, 1865, we copy —

"There are in this jurisdiction forty subordinate Chapters and three Mark Lodges. Six of these Chapters and all the Mark Lodges are located in the city of Philadelphia."

Also from an address by him, Dec. 27, 1866: -

"At the commencement of the present masonic year there were on the Register of the Grand Chapter forty-two subordinate Chapters and three Mark Lodges. There have been constituted, during the year, thirteen new Chapters, eleven of which have been constituted by the Grand High Priest in person."

And from that of Dec. 27, 1867: —

"There are now upon the register of the Grand Chapter sixty subordinate Chapters (including three which have been constituted during the past year), and three Mark Lodges."

These extracts show the progress of the Order there during the three years reported, though it appears from the last report that some seven of these were delinquent in making their reports, some of them not having made any for several years. From this report we also learn that the Grand Chapter had an invested fund December, 1867, of \$2,500; and \$1,882.04, cash on hand.

The only statistics of membership, exaltations, etc., that we find, is in the report of the Committee of Correspondence, where we learn that in 45 Chapters reporting, the exaltations during the year were 876; membership, 3,780.

Comp. George Griscom, of Philadelphia, Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary; but we find no clew to the residence of the latter, and only to that of the former, by a table of officers of various Grand Bodies in the report on Correspondence.

## RHODE ISLAND.

We have the Proceedings of this Body, which styled itself "The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, United States of America," for the years 1866, 1867, and 1868, in one document, and we are glad to see that one of its first acts at the first of these Annual Convocations was to amend its Constitution so as to strike the word "Holy" from its title.

The first of these Annual Convocations was held at Providence, March 13, 1866, M.E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding, and six Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest congratulates them on the return of peace since their last Annual Convocation, and says harmony has prevailed in their jurisdiction, and that the Chapters have prospered. He sees no

necessity for a General Grand Chapter; thinks it was defunct previous to the Convocation at Columbus, in 1865: and says that a careful perusal of the Proceedings of that Convocation, which he calls an effort to recussitate it "fails to convince me (him) of the necessity of such a Body as the late General Grand Chapter, and I do not believe that the efforts to revive it will be successful," and wishes that, "having passed quietly to rest, its ashes may, out of respect to the fathers, remain undisturbed." We think our Companion will find it has more vitality than he supposes.

The business transacted seems to be only of a local character. Companions Thomas A. Doyle and Samuel B. Swan, both of Providence, were severally re-elected to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence. Chapters five, and one under Dispensation; membership, 695; exaltations, 80; rejections, 22; dimitted, 2; expelled, 2; died, 7.

The Annual Convocation for 1867 was held March 12, M.E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding, with six Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly in reference to matters of local rather than general interest, though in speaking of the General Grand Chapter, he says, that since the last Convocation, he had met M.E. John L. Lewis, General Grand High Priest, who expressed the deep regret, he, in common with the leading Royal Arch Masons of the Country, felt at the action of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island in reference to the General Grand Chapter, and expressed a desire to forward a communication upon the subject, which he was assured by Comp. Doyle, would be gladly received and fraternally considered, however much they might differ with them. He says, however, the communication was not received, and adds:—

"I regret that he has allowed the matter to go by, as I should have been glad to have laid before you an argument from so able a source, upon the necessity of a General Grand Chapter of the United States. During the years that have passed since the dissolution of the previous Body, nothing

has occurred in this jurisdiction to warrant the belief that such an organization would be of the slightest use, and it would have been interesting, therefore, to know what could have been said in its favor by one so well qualified to plead for it."

We regret that such a communication was not made; and, if it had been, cannot but think our Companion's views might have been modified.

The Constitution was amended so as to reduce the fees paid by subordinates to the Grand Chapter on initiates from \$5,00 to \$2,00. Companions Doyle and Swan are again re-elected Grand High Priest and Secretary.

Chapters as last year — membership, 768; exaltations, 98; rejections, 23; died, 12. The rejections seem to us, both this year and last, in large proportions.

The Annual Convocation for 1868 was held March 10, M.E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding. Nine Chapters (four of which are acting under Dispensation) were represented. The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:—

"The past year has been one of more than usual prosperity in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction, and as we gather to-day, let us with grateful hearts remember the beneficent care of the Grand High Priest of the Universe, and render to Him our thanksgivings for the abundant mercies He has youchsafed to us."

He also states that, notwithstanding the reduction of dues, the amount received from that source is sufficient to defray the expense of the Body, and the entire income of the invested funds may be added to the principal. Our Companions there certainly manage their affairs economically, even for their small jurisdiction. We quote the following paragraphs from the address:—

"If Charters are granted to the Chapters under Dispensation, I trust that before they are constituted, jewels may be furnished to the officers of this Body; in order that they may appear properly clothed on such important occasions.

"The organization of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia has led to much controversy among the Craft, in consequence of the interference of the officers of the so-called General Grand Chapter of the United States in attempting to sustain a subordinate Chapter of the District in its rebe lion against the new Grand Chapter.

"I refrain from expressing any opinion upon the matters at issue, and suggest that the question be referred to a committee, with instructions to report their conclusions to the Grand High Priest for promulgation.

"Our relations with the several Grand Chapters of the country continue to be of the most fraternal character, and I regret that we have no Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report to you upon their proceedings."

The subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was subsequently referred to a committee, and the Grand High Priest empowered, if he thinks it expedient, on the report of this Committee, to recognize it.

A committee was appointed to procure a set of jewels, collars, sashes, and aprons, for the use of the Grand Chapter, which, up to this time, they seem to have been destitute of; and, as appears by the addresses of the Grand High Priest, its officers have been obliged to appear without any badge to distinguish them. A strange omission.

Subordinate chartered Chapters, 5; under Dispensation, 4; exaltations, 157; rejections, 24; died, 12; membership, 913. M.E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, of Providence, was, for the third time, re-elected Grand High Priest, making it his fourth year of service in this office. E. Comp. George H. Burnham, of Providence, was elected Grand Secretary.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Greenville, Feb. 11 and 12, 1868, M.E. R. S. Bruns, Grand High Priest, in the chair, with sixteen Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his very able address, after alluding to the causes of thankfulness in the return of peace, and the regathering around "those alters to which their faith is pledged," says,—

"We have gone through with terrible adversities, and our shrines have suffered spoliation and neglect.

"Much has been lost, no doubt; much has gone to decay among us; much is required to be done before we can rebuild our altars, and rekindle those sacred fires which have been suffered in too many places to go out. But there is encouragement in your presence, my companions — in your countenances — both of which declare for your zeal, and assure me of your co-operation in the good work of Capitular Masonry, in this our jurisdiction. You are still strong. You have numbers, and you have hope in degree with the earnestness and vitality of your faith.

"I congratulate you on our present assemblage, and on the general prospects, advance, and improvement in the growth to power and dignity of our Institution in all parts of the United States. This progress has been such as to hold forth grateful auguries and encouragement for perseverance in the struggle which is before us.

"In beholding the working industry of other Grand Chapters, we are stimulated to manly endeavors at work within our own. We have their example, and in that example itself there is sympathy. We have, besides, from all sister Grand Chapters, the assurance of this sympathy, which has been, not unfrequently, accompanied by expressions in deeds of love, which fully confirm all professions of language.

"I congratulate you once more on the reunion of a perfect brotherhood, a companionship throughout all foreign States, a reknitting of the four-fold cords of masonic bond, never, I trust, to be ruptured while society cherishes an immortal faith, or man a genuine human affection. Nor has the example of good working in sister jurisdictions been without its proper influence upon our own. Nor have the sympathies of Companions abroad failed to win their way to our hearts, encouraging our hopes, and prompting our zeal and industry.

"Cast down as we have been by fortune, we are emerging from our ruins. We have emerged, and already our altars, rescued from the wreck, have been restored, in most cases, to the high places which they occupied before.

"I am happy to report great improvement, during the last year, in the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina. Some of the Chapters which had forfeited their Charters, have resumed their work; have recovered lost ground; are zealously striving to regain position; and are doing well.

"If I cannot report that the progress is great and commensurate with the just claims of the Order, I can at least confidently assert that it is in a sound and healthy progress, and one full of promise, as well in regard to the increase of working numbers as of working virtues."

He discusses at length the subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and suggests the following queries:—

1. Has the Grand Chapter of a State a right to authorize a severance of

Its jurisdiction, and to authorize subordinate Chapters within its territory to constitute themselves an independent Grand Chapter, asserting exclusive jurisdiction over the territory thus separated from the State Grand Chapter' jurisdiction?

- 2. Can there be a Grand Chapter jurisdiction, having exclusive control within the District of Columbia?
- 3. Can a State Grand Chapter divest itself of all connection with a subordinate Chapter of its own creation, and deprive said Chapter of its Charter, where no cause of offence is given; where there is nothing recusant or insubordinate in its morals and conduct; and where the said Chapter itself insists upon maintaining its ancient original relations with the parent Grand Chapter?
- 4. Can a Grand Chapter of a State or Territory declare a Chapter clandestine which works within its jurisdiction under the authority of another State Grand Chapter, especially when the latter was established before the former?
- 5. What is the rightful authority of the General Grand High Priest under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, to annul the action of a State Grand Chapter, and declare a Grand Chapter, however constituted, to be clandestine?

He argues that the Grand Chapter of Maryland should never have listened to the application of the Chapters of the District for the formation of a Grand Chapter there; that no State has a right to sub-divide its territory and multiply Grand Chapters therein; that the territory belongs to Maryland; that soon the seat of the general Government will be removed West, and then the District will revert back to Maryland, when we should witness a conflict between the two Grand Chapters for existence. He alludes, in a touching manner, to the destitution in which the late war has left them. We quote:—

"In the destitution of our people as a whole, everywhere, in all sections, you will feel no surprise to learn that our treasury is penniless. We, too, are desolate. Our temples have been destroyed, our shrines violated, our jewels carried off or destroyed, and that you still seek the shrines of your worship, is in proof of the perfection of your faith. What are we to do? How repair our fortunes? How provide the means for the absolute expenses of our order? Our Companions appeal to us for succor, instead of remitting their dues. We cannot command, without difficulty, the small sum necessary to publish our Proceedings. I can give you no counsel how to proceed. Perhaps the subject should be confided to a committee, whose report may persuade the noble and generous, the wealthy and liberal Companions of

more prosperous States to come to our aid, and assist us in the repair of our ruined temples, and in stimulating, by their aid and example, the feeble and the faltering, the much fearing and the little hoping of those who, in their very despair, still clutch at the horns of our altars.

"It may be that our condition, once made known to our more fortunate Companions elsewhere, will inspire their hearts with the love of the Samaritan, and they will lift us to our feet once more, and give us of the wine of hope, and feed us with the fine bread of love, hot from the oven of charity, which knows how to increase its store by a wise distribution of its contents."

The subsequent reports as to the finances, and appropriations made, we think, indicate a more hopeful and prosperous view of their financial condition than our good Companion's fears seem in the above to indicate. But I think we shall all be ready to lend a helping hand, if need requires.

A Charter for one new Chapter was granted at this meeting.

Comp. Andrew Ramsey was introduced and welcomed in a speech by the Grand High Priest as the representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the correspondence between the Grand Bodies published; that of Scotland, asking that Comp. William Mann, Grand Scribe N. of the Supreme Chapter, and Senior Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, be appointed the representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in the former Body, which it was voted be done.

The following resolutions were also passed: -

Resolved, unanimously, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina do respectfully and fraternally request the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England to nominate and appoint our true and worthy Companion, R. S. Bruns, M.E. Grand High Priest, as a Companion proper and suitable, from his eminent ability and high position, to represent that august Body near this jurisdiction; and that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England be respectfully and fraternally requested to name some member of their august Body, whom this Grand Royal Arch Chapter may nominate and appoint as its representative near the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England of the action of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The following letter, which explains itself, was read: -

Boston, 26th December, 1867.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:—

COMPANIONS, — At the Quarterly Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Boston on the 10th instant, I presented the fraternal communication of your Grand Secretary of the 22d of July last, in which he expressed in your behalf his sincere congratulations at the renewal, after the lapse of five masonic years, of masonic intercourse between the Royal Arch Chapters of South Carolina and Massachusetts.

The communication was received with sincere pleasure, and I was unanimously requested to send a reply thereto.

The Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts deeply regret the sufferings and misfortunes which have befallen you, and heartily sympathize in the truly masonic sentiments so beautifully expressed by your Grand Secretary.

We rejoice that your troubles are, to some extent, ended, and that your temples will soon be rebuilt; the fires of incense rekindled on your altars; and peace, happiness, and content dwell again in your hearts.

Thus, as time rolls on, with what pleasure shall we all reflect that if Masonry was not able to prevent the "unsparing ravages of barbarous war," yet it alleviated, in individual cases, the horrors of the conflict, lightened the burdens of the captive, and bound up the wounds of the afflicted; and, as soon as the storm of passion had somewhat subsided, resumed its old position, and proved its wonderful influence by renewing, in their full strength, the old bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

Very truly and fraternally,

RICHARD BRIGGS,

Grand High Priest.

The report adds -

- "Comp. R. S. Bruns, Grand High Priest, then expressed himself in the highest terms of Comp. Briggs, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; his deep sympathy with us in our affliction, displayed, since the war, by many acts of fraternal kindness.
  - "On motion of Comp. H. Claremont Moses, -
- "Resolved, unanimously, That the letter of Comp. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, be received with great approbation, and be entered upon the minutes and printed with the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Comp. Montgomery Moses, and is a document of considerable length and ability, carefully prepared. He reviews the Proceedings of

twenty-four Grand Chapters, but, we are sorry to say, ours is not among them. We hope they have not failed to receive our Report, though, from there being no notice of it, we fear they have. We make a few quotations from his concluding remarks:—

"The duty assigned your Committee has been rendered extremely pleasant by ascertaining, on reading the Proceedings of the different jurisdictions, that from all quarters of the United States there comes now but one cry, viz., to let the past few years be forgotten by Masons, and to go on in the noble work, regardless of political or private opinion. From some of our sister jurisdictions we have not heard for years, and when we turned to their Proceedings and saw some familiar name, a thrill of indescribable pleasure permeated through our whole system, and we could almost imagine we were face to face with them.

"From nearly every jurisdiction comes the welcome intelligence that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering, and we notice that efforts, almost universally, are being made to revive the standard of Royal Arch Masonry, and to make the work uniform.

"Your Committee also hope, that this Grand Chapter will demand and insist that all candidates for the Royal Arch Degrees shall be perfect in the degrees of Symbolic Masonry; and, before the degrees are conferred, shall exhibit their proficiency by a rigid and strict examination in open Chapter. Your Committee regret to say that they have seen the Royal Arch Degrees conferred upon persons who could not even give the signs of recognition in use among Master Masons.

There are other jurisdictions in which the same might be said, and we wish such a rule were everywhere in force, as it ought o be.

"To our sister Grand Chapters we again send a cordial and fraternal greeting, and we hope that the present year may be one of prosperity and blessing to the whole Royal Arch Craft.

"Your Committee trust that they will not be considered as transcending the bounds allowed them, if they avail themselves of the present occasion to speak, in terms of love, the words of admonition,—

"Let us continue in the exercise of every virtue, so that we may adorn our Order, and Masonry be exalted by the perfection of its work.

"The practice of charity and the exercise of hospitality among the patriarchs; the precepts of the prophets, and the conduct of the holy men of the earlier ages, concur in teaching us the necessity of practising the cardinal

virtues. It assures happiness on earth and gives the delightful hope of reward hereafter. The time allotted to man is of short duration and of uncertain tenure. Let us then embrace every opportunity conducive to good action. Let us pour the oil of comfort in the cup of sorrow, and extend the arm of sympathy in healing affliction. To the performance of this duty we are actuated by that compassion which is implanted in our hearts: as far. indeed, as it is engrafted in us, it is mere instinct; but when we cultivate and cherish it, 'till we love mercy - when we dwell upon every tender sentiment that opens our mind and enlarges our heart, then it becomes a virtue. True benevolence, extensive as the sun, embraces all mankind; to grasp, then, the whole system of reasonable beings, with an overflowing love, is to possess the greatest of all earthly enjoyments; is to approach the happiness of higher natures, and anticipate the joy treasured in heaven. The man who has cherished each generous and liberal movement of the soul, with a head ever studious to contrive, a heart ever willing to promote, and a hand ever ready to contribute to the good of his fellow-creatures, must be rewarded in a world to come. The riches which we have given away will abide with us forever, and the same feelings of love will accompany us to realms of bliss eternal.

"Guard well the portals of the tabernacle; let none but the true and well tried gain admission, so that no rude or sacrilegious hand may desecrate its altars.

"Let us adhere to our ancient landmarks, and indignantly frown down every attempt at innovation; for when once permitted, its step is onward, its course progressive. Suffer not a single tile to be removed from the arch; but keep it cemented and strengthened by our love and devotion, so that when time shall engulf everything in its insatiable vortex, our temple rebuilt and dedicated to God, to virtue, and humanity, rearing its towering height almost to heaven itself, shall stand unhurt "amid the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds." Yes! 'Holiness to the Lord,' be our exulting strain, and while we shout hosannas in his praise, let us ever be mindful to obtain his blessings and love, for his unbounded mercy is not circumscribed by limits, but is extended alike to the high and the humble.

"It was not from the crown of the lofty cedar, but out of the lowly thornbush, that the Eternal revealed himself to his chosen messenger, to teach mankind humility, and symbolically to announce unto all times and unto all men the destiny of his people. Lo! the bush is burning, but is never consumed."

Returns from twenty Chapters show a membership of 674; exaltations, 137; affiliations, 17; dismissions, 18; suspensions, 19; expulsions, 3; deaths, 11.

M.E. Comp. Robert S. Bruns, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Ebenezer Thayer, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation of this Graud Chapter was held at Nashville, September 30, 1868, M.E. Townsend A. Thomas, Grand High Priest, presiding. The address of the Grand High Priest is a well written and practical document. He dwells upon the want of uniformity of work, and recommends the appointment of a Committee to meet and agree upon the true work, and after their report shall have been acted upon by the Grand Chapter, the appointment of Grand Lecturers to disseminate it; and this recommendation was subsequently adopted. He spoke of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, which he attended, and congratulates the Companions upon its result, and especially in regard to its action in reference to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. He adds:—

"Before leaving the subject of attendance at St. Louis, I must be allowed to say, that the thanks of the Fraternity of this jurisdiction are due to the Masons of Missouri for their kind disposition and efforts made to bring the brotherhood from every part of our expanded country, in order that they might commingle together, and show to the world 'how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' The occasion was the most brilliant, and the hospitality the most magnificent, ever witnessed in this country; in a word, it was a grand success, one that should be ever kindly remembered by those present."

The Grand High Priest granted Dispensations for eight new Chapters during the year, all of which were chartered at this meeting, and Dispensations granted to three others.

Appropriate notice is taken of the death of M.E. Comp. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest, and a high compliment paid to his worth and memory. The Grand Chapter was called together to attend his funeral.

From the report of the Committee on Appeals, who "congratulate the Grand Chapter on the fact that nothing has been presented for their action, that no appeals had been taken, and no grievances made known," it would appear that harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. The Grand Chapter of Nebraska, lately organized, received a hearty recognition.

The following preamble and resolution were passed: -

Whereas, The system of representation of Masonic Grand Bodies, by Representatives at or near the Grand Easts of Sister Grand Bodies, is one eminently calculated to promote the growth of friendship, and unite more closely the bond of love between the brethren.

Be it Resolved, That the said system of representation be adopted by the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, and the M.E. Grand High Priest is authorized to inaugurate the system by making appointments of Representatives of this Grand Chapter at such Grand Chapters as may seem desirable or expedient, and request a reciprocation of the action.

Among the acts of the Grand Chapter at this session was a formal call on the widow of Ex-President Polk to pay her its respects, a Committee having first been appointed to confer with her in reference to it.

A resolution was passed requesting the Grand High Priest -

"Not to grant Dispensations to new Chapters (upon the ex parte representations of those interested) during the interval between the meetings of the Grand Chapter, as it is, is liable to much abuse, and cannot be too strictly guarded against in order to prevent the too great multiplicity of Chapters."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in by Comp. George S. Blackie, M.D., who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters in a kind and impartial manner.

It is principally made up of extracts, and a brief synopsis of important acts bearing on the general welfare, with occasional brief comments made with good judgment. In his report of Massachusetts, he has the following, containing some hints it might be well for us to heed and profit by:—

"There is no Grand High Priest's address, but the Report on Foreign Correspondence is a very lengthy document of great merit. It reviews the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, including ours of 1866, and is a most kind and fraternal, and, at the same time, an impartial and discriminat-

ing paper; but the Proceedings show no record that it was even presented to the Convocation, or adopted by the Grand Chapter. The statistics are meagre, but we find there are 41 Chapters, 4,588 members, and 742 exaltations Altogether, Massachusetts has the most unsatisfactory compiler of statistics. We cannot learn the number of admissions, dimittals, deaths, expulsions, or suspensions; and he never foots up his columns. After the hint he got a couple of years ago from the New Hampshire Committee, we expected better things. But as the Grand Chapter only pays the Grand Secretary the shabby sum of fifty dollars a year, and yet spends \$883.67 on banquets, we feel sorry for him, and excuse him. The addresses of the Grand Officers are not given. Their names are M.E. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest, and E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary."

# From his conclusion we copy the following words: -

"We have thus presented, in as concise a form as seemed expedient, considering the importance of the work, the results of the deliberations of our Companions in the various Grand Chapters of our country. We have advanced but few opinions of our own, as we deemed it well to keep our youth and inexperience in the back ground; but we have presented such extracts from the sayings of old and wise heads as will ensure a permanent value to our work. The labor has indeed been a pleasing one to us, as we have been drawn closer in contact with the master spirits of the masonic world, and have sipped at the fountains of their wisdom and experience. Should we ever again be called upon to perform this duty, we have learned how to perform it more satisfactorily to ourselves, and how to secure its greater attractiveness to others.

"Companions, Royal Arch Masonry is prospering; it is your duty to see that it continues to do so. Keep up its character. Watch yourselves. Shun the very appearance of evil.

"All is well in our Order, except this truly distressing trouble in Maryland and the Federal District. Let us hope that ere you read these pages, this matter may be at rest forever, and peace and harmony be prevalent.

"Many loved and noble Companions have passed away from this earthly scene since our last assembling, and gone on to join in that countless host which ever presses to the gateways of the universal necropolis. All along our paths are scattered monuments of those who have fought and fallen, the grass beneath our feet is greener with the tears spread over the departed-Man cometh and goeth as a shadow; he continueth not, but is cut down like the grass of the field. Every day we hear of some we loved who has gone before, and whom we shall see again no more for ever. The heart that is fullest and saddest often knows not the luxury of a tear, but the gash is made deep in its bleeding substance, and the whole gaiety of life is saddened and overshadowed. But we, who have studied the symbolism of the sprig of acacia, and who have learned the meaning of the mysterious Name which

was uttered from the midst of the bush, need not fear. We know it is for but a little. We will go to them, though they cannot come to us. Let us thank a kind and loving God for all those who have departed this life in His faith and fear, and ask for grace so to follow their good example, that for us death will have no horror, and the grave will be swallowed up in victory."

Returns from seventy-three Chapters show a membership of 3,551; exaltations, 451; admissions, 37; withdrawals, 143; suspensions, 12; expulsions, 5; deaths, 38.

M.E. William Maxwell, of Maxville, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TEXAS.

This Grand Chapter held its nineteenth Annual Convocation at Houston June 8-12, 1868, M.E. F. B. Sexton, Grand High Priest, presiding, with forty-two Chapters represented. From the opening of the address of the Grand High Priest, we copy the following, sad in its recital, but illustrating the principles and benefits of the Order in its care for the needy and distressed:—

"COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, — The year which has passed since we closed our last Grand Annual Convocation is one of sad memories. But little has occurred in the history of Masonry, or the country in which we live, especially calculated to cheer or encourage us in the weary pilgrimage of life.

"We have, however, cause for humble and profound gratitude to the 'Great I Am,' in that we have been allowed to assemble under circum stances as favorable as we find them, to legislate for the welfare of the Royal Craft, whose main designs, we should remember, are to afford support and consolation to those in sorrow, relief to those in distress, and to disseminate peace and good will among men.

"Next to gratitude to God for His mercy in sparing our own lives, and permitting so many of us to assemble around the altar of our Grand Chapter, we should remember in affectionate sympathy and kindness those who have been visited by suffering and distress. Soon after the close of our last Annual Convocation, the city in which we met, her sister, the 'Island City,' all our gulf shore, and many of our interior villages, were severely scourged by the death angel. Our R.E. Grand Secretary, in connection with our official correspondence, gave me a sad account of the ravages of the fever in this

city and Galveston. In visiting and nursing the sick, in burying the dead, in administering consolation to the bereaved, in caring for the widows and orphans, all the high professions and regular teachings of Masonry were, while the epidemic prevailed, called into daily and hourly exercise. I am glad to have been assured that our Brethren and Companions exemplified them faithfully. Many of our Companions were called away from earth, and I trust have realized everlasting peace in Heaven. We should keep their virtues and good conduct in remembrance, and faithfully discharge the duties we owe their families.

"This Grand Chapter is especially called to mourn the loss of one of its oldest, most worthy, and faithful members and officers. Past Grand High Priest Henry R. Cartmell died, at his home in Washington county, in March last. Companion Cartmell was remarkable for the purity and simplicity of his motives, and for the earnestness with which he pursued whatever he undertoook. He made no exertion to secure distinctions among men. He was a good citizen, a faithful friend, an industrious, honest man, a devoted and worthy Mason. In his character we may find much to imitate and but little to disapprove. Let us honor his memory, and so live that when our 'summons comes to join the innumerable caravan' we may, like him, pass peacefully 'where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

From the following extract it would appear that the Chapters in that jurisdiction are far from being in a prosperous condition:—

"From all the information I have received during the year, I am satisfied that there is much apathy among the Chapters subordinate to this jurisdiction. Many of them only meet often enough to prevent a forfeiture of their Charters, and do that with difficulry. This is to be attributed 'partly' to the impoverished condition of the country, and partly to the political oppression we are enduring. It is to be regretted on many accounts. It can only be overcome by a steady and constant exercise of those truly masonic virtues, 'patience, fortitude, forbearance." As Royal Arch Masons we have traveled the 'rugged path of trial' to little purpose if we have not learned to grow strong under adversity, and to stand by the 'truth' in the midst of danger."

The following extract from the closing part of his address, draws a sad picture of the state of things there, and one which certainly demands our most earnest sympathy:—

"My Companions all, never was there such a field for the exercise of all the masonic virtues as is to be found in the times and circumstances which now surround us. Never within the recollection of any of us were the signs of the time so unpromising. We are in the midst of public disorder and private embarrassment. Old foundations seem to be broken up."

"All that is venerable and all that is practical and useful, not merely in government, but in religion, in society, in morals, seems about to be swept away in the confusion of radicalism, metaphysical abstractions and foolish idealism. Masonry is threatened from the same sources. Material prosperity too seems to have well-nigh forsaken the country, and every exertion made to better our condition seems to make it worse. The vista of the future opens up no cheering prospect. All is night without. Our people, our brethren and companions especially, are depressed and stricken down by disappointment, misfortune, poverty, and sorrow. Masonry can do nothing against the outside storm which is furiously howling and raging around us. Such is not the mission of Masonry. The storm must rage on till its force is spent. We must labor and wait. But we can help one another. Let us do this. If we find a brother in the midst of this storm without food or shelter, let us help him. If we find one whose head is bowed and cheeks furrowed with the agony of heart heaviness - oh! my companions, we frequently know not how high private sorrow and care pile up their load on the hearts of our companions - let us help him. Let us smooth his path. We shall smooth our own thereby."

The Report of the Grand Treasurer also gives an unfavorable account of the finances,—their funds, to the amount of some \$5,000, being nearly all in notes, many of them of very doubtful value. The Proceedings also show most of the Chapters to be in a sad condition financially. A Charter was granted to one new Chapter, which seems to afford a ray of light. Suitable resolutions were passed in reference to the death of Past High Priest James L. Green.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. A. S. Richardson, and is a brief and fraternal review of the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, but we regret that Massachusetts is not one of them. What can be the reason that so many of the Grand Bodies fail to get our Reports and we theirs? Surely it is no want of fraternal feeling, and we are assured by our Grand Secretary that he has regularly sent copies to each Corresponding Grand Chapter, and the last year took especial pains to send three copies to each according to the last address of Grand Officers in our possession. Comp. Richardson kindly says:—

"We should have been pleased to have exchanged greetings with the Companions of Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Minnesota, Oregon, Kentucky, and Georgia, but were not in possession of their Proceedings."

He closes with the following: -

"Prominent among the subjects likely to be of interest to this Grand Body are the questions involved in the organization of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia, the attitude of General Grand Chapter towards the State Grand Chapters, and incidentally towards ourselves, the gradual but perceptible softening down of the asperities growing out of the war, and the relations existing between Capitular and Cryptic Masonry—all of them subjects of interest, and some of them indicative, we fear, of trouble in the future.

"On the whole, however, we have been deeply impressed with the abounding evidences of prosperity, which, notwithstanding the untoward circumstances of the past few years, has, with one or two exceptions, been exhibited to us through the portals of each Grand Chapter.

"Would that, in closing our labors, we could have pointed to the serried columns with which the various Grand Bodies entered upon the year's work, still unbroken by the shaft of the great leveler, still marching onward, shoulder to shoulder, in their noble and glorious warfare. But it was not so to be. 'In the midst of life we are in death.' All along the way are scattered green mounds, where the grass is fresh with the watering of tears. Monuments to the loved and lost, milestones in life's journey, on which the inscription 'passing away' admonishes us 'to work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.' From the records of most of our sister jurisdictions we gather the names of those who have gone to swell the innumerable multitudes which throng the silent halls of the great necropolis. Their footprints are fast being covered by the drifting dust, and 'the places which knew them will know them no more forever.'

"To such a destiny, Companions, we are all fast hastening. Then let us improve the passing moment as it flies, garner the sunshine of each fleeting hour, and so live, and so labor, that when our work is ended there will be nothing in the retrospect of which we need be ashamed. So doing, we can, with an approving conscience, float down the tide of time to the evening of life, whose signal-lights will, by each of us, ere long, be seen swinging where the waters are at rest and the storms never beat."

Among the resolutions in force in that jurisdiction are the following, the necessity for the two former of which indicates perhaps that our Companions there have customs to contend against that we know less of, and we are very glad to see the stand taken by them. The latter also we believe to be a wise provision, and cannot but hope we shall ere long have a similar one:—

Resolved, That the practice of working in Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, on the Lord's day, is highly reprehensible, and should be discontinued.

Resolved, That, whereas, profane swearing, gambling, and the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks are, by the 5th Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, section 25th, declared unmasonic; therefore, all Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, are hereby positively instructed not to confer the Chapter degrees upon any person addicted to either of these vices, he or they being unfit material for the Royal Arch Temple, whose corner stone is Morality, as taught by the Holy Bible, that Great Light in Masonry.

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters be prohibited from conferring the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry on any but affiliated Master Masons.

We find no table of statistics, and therefore cannot give any information upon this point.

M.E. J. D. Giddings, of Brenham, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Robert Brewster, of Houston, Grand Secretary.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

This Body held its Triennial Convocation in the New Masonic Temple, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15-18, 1868, the General Grand High Priest, John L. Lewis, jr., presiding, and all the other officers present. The Committee on Credentials reported the following Grand Chapters represented, viz., Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, and District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin; and also representatives present from the District of Columbia, who were subsequently admitted. We copy from the excellent address of the General Grand High Priest, the following, which we believe will be of sufficient interest to all, to warrant it.

"EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—Seventy years ago, in the quiet capital of the State of New York, on the banks of the lordly Hudson, just below where it receives its largest tributary, the National League of Royal Arch Masonry,



the progenitor of this Body, was organized; and, having survived two generations of mankind, now assembles in Triennial Convocation in this great and growing city, which then was not, on the banks of the 'Father of Waters,' not far from the confluence of one of its mightiest tributary rivers.

"Fitting symbol is this, of this department of Freemasonry; the tiny rivulet flowing from its limpid fountain, denoting the individual Companion, merging its waters into the broader creek, the Chapter; the creek pouring its swelling stream into the tributary river, the State Grand Chapter; and that again pouring itself into the broader channel of the now majestic river, on whose bosom navies may ride, and have ridden—the National Grand Chapter. And yet in its jurisdictional and governmental features the analogy fails, for it is in this respect most like the giant oak of the forest, from the root of whose parent stem all life and vitality are derived, which nurtures the branches, then the clustering twigs and leaflets, and which, if stricken, every limb withers, and all its foliage shrivels and falls.

"Forever flowing be those streams, and brightly flashing be their waters, from the fountain of individual love and benevolence, till they leap in one broad volume into the ocean of humanity; forever verdant be that stately tree, 'gayly to bourgeon, and proudly to grow,' till it stands out like the monarch of the woods, breasting and braving the winds and the storms of the rolling centuries!

"Three-score and ten years are the traditional limit of the life of man, but are yet only an atom of space in the history of nations, or of aggregated communities like ours. Of the grand old spirits that assisted in the formation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, there is not to-day a solitary survivor; and yet the blazon of their renown is as bright, and their memory as fervently cherished, as though they were present to bestow their wonted patriarchal blessing. If I have aught for which to be grateful in my masonic life, it is in the recollection that in earlier and sunner days, before the storm-clouds lowered and the thunder rolled upon the darkening pathway of existence, it was my privilege to sit at the feet of some of these wise and learned Gamaliels of our Craft as an humble, although it may be an unprofitable disciple. Be the recollection of their priceless services and their manly devotion, our re-animating guide and monitor as we gather here today: and may the Spirit of the living God, The Great Architect of the Universe, which inspired His devout worshipers in ancient days, in the infancy of art, to erect splendid and beautiful temples to His honor, be present to assist in our Chapter, to give light to our Councils, and to implant in our inmost hearts an earnest and increasing desire to preserve and perpetuate that which our fathers have transmitted to us of the good, the beautiful, and the true!

"Of all the Masonic Bodies which have had a rightful existence since the days of King Solomon, none has had such obstacles to encounter as this General Grand Chapter; and none, in the face of such impediments and resistance, have achieved more important and triumphant results. Most of us are followers of the banner of Beauseant—the banner of the Cross—to which we owe

and render a life-long and fadeless devotion, deserved and just; and yet that grand old standard has scarcely won such victories as the ensign of Zerubabel, which has also the 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah' emblazoned upon its ample folds; and if it be that the trowel is wielded, as well as the sword, it is but to indicate that intellect and industry must contrive and build, that which courage and constancy will so faithfully guard.

"The design which the founders of this Body had in view commends itself both to our respect and affections. It was to combine and concentrate the united wisdom and labors of a great Fraternity in a cherished common cause. that we might all, through the length and breadth of the land, both teach and be taught; and that the distant portions of our great Fraternity in the nation might be brought into communion with each other as the attached members of one common family. And if such were the design when there were but seventeen States of the Union, of which thirteen were confined to the Atlantic sea-board, how vastly more important is it when twenty others have been added to the number, and the domain in which its labors are wrought is spread from ocean to ocean, and almost from the frigid to the torrid zone! The friends of this national Body are content to rest the whole argument in its favor upon this single position. They love to mingle thought and feeling with their distinguished and honored Companions of the several State jurisdictions; to look upon the faces and listen to the voices of the great master workmen of our time, whose distinguished abilities and unblemished worth are upon the tongues of our wide-spread brotherhood in every jurisdiction; and it is with a feeling of sadness and disappointment that we have gone out from our Convocations, missing the words of eloquence and wisdom from these Companions in the North and the South, the East and West, who at other times and in other places have added vigor and life to the public councils of the Craft. Although in our Stated Convocations in the past, but little may have been done in a spirit of rule, and certainly nothing in a spirit of misrule; yet who of us has not felt cheered and re-animated for his heart-work in our Fraternity by these comminglings of spirit? And if, as it pains us to remember, we have met and parted to meet no more on earth with those whom we have thus learned to love and honor; with what deeper satisfaction and profounder reverence can we dwell upon the instructions of those whose accents shall never again fall upon our ears, but which vet linger in our memories like the swelling notes of some inspiring anthem whose cadences in by-gone years have enkindled within us a glow of loftier devotion! If enfeebled in body and burdened with distracting cares, some of us have traveled long weary miles half way across a continent, and yet so near its centre, to meet upon the banks of the Mississippi these honored and cherished Companions for the last time on earth, who will say that we are not richly repaid for the toil and sacrifice, if it be, that we but clasp hands and utter our farewells before the eventide? These thoughts may awaken saddened recollections, but such names as Ball, and O'Sullivan, and other mighty ones of the Craft, now passed away from us, will not soon be for gotten.

"Beloved Companions! brethren and friends of other days, who have gone out from our fold, return once more to the old roof-tree! Beloved Companions, our brethren and friends in spirit, with whom we have communed often in spirit and affection, cast your lot with us in the coming time! We speak in no other spirit but that which distinguishes our Fraternity, for we have no selfish ends to accomplish. If you have judged that there were evils in our organization, assist in their correction; if good may be attained, come, and with a spirit of honest and hearty welcome we invite you to share it, now and evermore."

The difficulty in relation to the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, is presented, and the facts in the case recited, and he closes this subject with the following recommendation:—

"Authentic information has reached me that the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia has resolved to place itself under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and to be represented in this Triennial Convocation. If such be the fact, overlooking—nay, even forgetting—the past, I most cordially recommend its recognition, the irregularities in its formation being healed by your act, and its representatives admitted. The only point for which I have striven, not on my own behalf, but yours, the acknowledgement of the rightful jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, sinks all others into insignificance. But, on the other hand, I demand in justice that the Potomac Chapter be protected, its chartered rights as one of our constituents recognized, and its disciplined members fully restored."

## The address closes with the following: -

"In glancing over the cherished record of the three past years, I have felt the most lively and grateful emotions in contemplating the steady, onward, triumphant march of the Fraternity. The Proceedings of the Grand Chapters, although containing no marked or striking events, have been full of interest, and it is to be hoped that the Committee on Correspondence may present us with an analysis of their transactions, which, from their high character, can not but be graphic and interesting. The interests of Royal Arch Masonry are very dear to me, for 'twas my earliest attachment, and although sickness and care and sorrow have delayed the work of the hands, they have stilled none of the throbbings of the heart.

"The greatest pain that I have felt is, that in a twenty years' struggle for peace, and in which I have beheld peace achieved in more than one Masonic Department, I should be compelled still to struggle for its accomplishment in a Fraternity like ours.

"But with a consciousness of upright intention, and with a firm belief in

the purity and grandeur of the principles upon which Freemasonry is founded my courage does not wax faint, nor are my hopes desponding. When temples shall have crumbled into dust, and the Jerusalems of the earth shall have been leveled with the plains by the hand of devastation or footsteps of time, there will be a New Jerusalem, 'the child of the skies,' in which strife shall not enter nor sorrow be found; and the weary sojourner, having passed the veils of trial, be suffered unmolested forever to assist in rebuilding the temple and house of the Lord."

A proposition to amend the Constitution, so as to give greater powers to the General Grand Chapter, or to restore to it such powers as it had previous to 1859, when the Constitution was so altered as to curtail them — made by M.E. Comp. James M. Austin at the previous Triennial Convocation, was debated, and finally defeated, as was also another amendment proposed by Comp. S. H. Stone; and the Constitution stands without change.

The subject of a renewal or opening of relations between the General Grand Chapter and certain State Grand Chapters, having been referred to a Committee, they made a report which was recommitted with instructions, and, after amendment, was finally adopted, as follows:—

"The committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. E. General Grand High Priest as relates to the renewal or opening of relations with Grand Chapters with this General Grand Body, which have been interrupted or prevented from any cause, would respectfully report,—

"That the M.E. Grand Chapters of Vermont, Rhode Island, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and Alabama, have assumed to withdraw from the jurisdiction of this Supreme Body.

"Originally, this Body was a National Grand Chapter, having jurisdiction over subordinate Chapters only. It then formed Deputy Grand Chapters, and continued to do so for several years, when it assumed the form of a General Grand Chapter, and State Grand Chapters were formed thenceforward.

"No Grand Chapters have been formed by any other authority within the United States, with the exception of those of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, and Delaware.

"This Body holds the first-named Chapters of Vermont, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and Iowa, subject to its jurisdiction, and is anxious that they set aside their acts of withdrawl, and return to their allegiance, and be represented here without the further action of this Supreme Body.

"Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, That no State Grand Chapter, organized by the authority of this M.E. General Grand Body, or which at any time has become a constituent member of this Body, can lawfully sever its connection with the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America without its consent, but the allegiance of said Grand Chapters is inalienable and now due.

"Resolved, That the M.E. General Grand Council of this M.E. General Grand Chapter open correspondence with the Grand Chapters of Vermont, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Kentucky, and Iowa, and to induce, if possible, such acts on their part as shall restore harmonious and fraternal relations as constituent members of this Body.

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida, be requested to send delegates to the next Triennial Convocation of this M. E. General Grand Body, as a committee of conference to arrange terms of union, if practicable, with this M.E. General Grand Chapter."

The subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which was referred to a Committee, elicited two reports, a majority and minority, one of which viewed the matter as belonging exclusively to the Grand Chapter of Maryland and her subordinates, and with which the General Grand Chapter had nothing to do, and proposing to dismiss the whole subject. The other report, which was finally, after considerable debate and motions to amend, adopted as it came from the Committee, was as follows:—

"A minority of the Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the General Grand High Priest, as relates to the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia, respectfully report, that, in their opinion, the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia by resolution adopted and published with their Proceedings, relinquished jurisdiction over Chapters in the District of Columbia, and a Grand Chapter having been formed from those Chapters, and being here present by their Grand Officers, and asking recognition by this General Grand Body, therefore,—

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is hereby recognized as a regular Grand Chapter, and its officers entitled to seats in this General Grand Chapter.

"Resolved, That Potomac Chapter, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, not having united in the formation of said Grand Chapter, is now under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, but without territorial jurisdiction over candidates for the Capitular Degrees.

"Resolved, That all acts of censure, suspension, or expulsion, growing out of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, be declared null and void, and the Companions of the District of Columbia, who may have been in affiliation with Potomac Chapter be, and are hereby declared to be in good and regular standing as members of such Chapter."

Charters were granted for Chapters at Santa Fe, New Mexico; Virginia City, Nevada; Austin, Nevada; Idaho City, Idaho; Helena, Montana; also for one at Wilmington, Delaware, it appearing that there was then no Grand Chapter in that State, the one that formerly existed, as well as its subordinates, having long since ceased to act. Since then some of these subordinate Chapters having signified their desire to resume labor under the authorty of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand High Priest has granted the authority.

Requests for Dispensations for Chapters at Salt Lake City, and at Smyrna, Turkey, were presented and referred to the General Grand High Priest for his action.

It was voted that the next Triennial Convocation be held at Baltimore, Md., on the third Tuesday of September, 1871.

The following were elected the General Grand Officers for the ensuing three years:—

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Comp. James M. Austin, New York . . . G. Grand High Priest.
Comp. Robt. Stewart Bruns, Charleston, S.C., D.G. Grand High Priest.
Comp. William Hacker, Indianapolis, Ind. G. Grand King.
Comp. Martin Collins, St. Louis, Mo. . . G. Grand Scribe.
Comp. John McClellan, Boston, Mass. . . G. Grand Treasurer.
Comp. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, O. . G. Grand Secretary.
Comp. Isaac S. Titus, Placerville, Cal. . . G. Grand Capt. of Host.
Comp. Orlin H. Miner, Springfield, Ill. . . G. Grand Royal Arch Capt.
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We must not leave this subject without referring to the munificent hospitality extended to the Fraternity by the Missouri Companions. And first let us present the following resolutions of hospitality passed by the City Council of St. Louis, with the response of the General Grand Chapter, and which we have reserved to this time, that we might add some comments in connection with it.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, St. LOUIS, Aug. 4, 1868.

TO THE MASONIC ORDER. -

At a meeting of the City Council of St. Louis, Missouri, in Special Session assembled, the following preamble and resolutions were presented by Councillor Charles A. Mantz, viz:—

Whereas, The City of St. Louis having been selected by the High, Ancient and Honorable Masonic Bodies of the United States of America, known as the "Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States," "General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States," and "Supreme Council A. and A. Rite, Southern Jurisdiction," at which to hold their next Convocation, on the second Tuesday of September next, 1868; therefore be it—

Resolved, By the City Council of the City of St. Louis, that the hospitalities of the city be extended to the Bodies above-named, individually and collectively, and that the authorities of the corporation, as well as the citizens generally, be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to show to the distinguished and honorable visitors during their brief sojourn in our city, such marks of consideration and esteem as has always characterised the inhabitants and people of St. Louis in their entertainment of friends and visitors, and for which they are so properly complimented at home and abroad.

The following response was subsequently unanimously passed by the General Grand Chapter: —

Resolved, That the cordial and most heartfelt thanks of this General Grand Chapter be, and are hereby gratefully tendered to the Mayor and Common Council of the city of St. Louis; to its citizens generally, and to the Masonic Fraternity of the State of Missouri, for their generous and unbounded hospitality, for their unwearied attentions to our comfort and convenience during the present Convocation, and for their courtesy and good will extended to us on every occasion; and that the remembrance of their kindness will ever live in our memories.

The resolutions passed by the City Council were but a foreshadowing of what was to come. The citizens all seemed to vie with one another to see which could show the most attention, and everywhere we were met with marked kindness, to which no account could do justice.

The Companions were unsparing in their efforts to provide everything in the way of physical comfort and fraternal enjoyment. Daily banquets, with the tables loaded with the choicest viands, fruits, etc., were provided, and to crown all, a steamboat

excursion was gotten up, three of the largest steamers on the river chartered, and the whole party, with Masons and ladies from that vicinity, accompanied by bands of music, were treated to a sail up the river, past the city, and then down to Jefferson Barracks, where we were welcomed with a salute from the guns of the United States troops stationed there, and where all landed and were received by the commander of the post in a more kind and cordial manner. Two or three hours were spent in promenading, witnessing a dress parade of the troops, listening to the splendid music, and, in social intercourse, cultivating acquaintance, etc. On the return, perhaps, that we might not fail to see this important phase of western river life, one of the steamboats ran against a snag, and was run into shallow water, where she soon sank; one of the other boats safely taking off all her passengers before many on board knew anything was the matter. They promised next time to "blow up" one for us. In short, everything was done that could be to make the stay pleasant, and our Missouri Companions deserve the warmest thanks of the Fraternity throughout the country for their hospitality, attention, and the opportunities thus afforded for fraternal intercourse. Conspicuous among the rest for his attentions was Grand High Priest, Martin Collins.

We went to St. Louis, not prepossessed in favor of the General Grand Chapter. We came away fully convinced of its usefulness. If nothing else were accomplished, the kind and fraternal feelings engendered by such a commingling with the Companions from every part of the country, the better acquaintance obtained with one another, with its tendency to correct wrong notions and ideas as to the feelings of different parts of the country towards each other, etc., doubly repay its cost. Some whom we have looked upon with distrust, we find to be true men at heart, and learn to respect and love them, finding that, after all, though we may have differed with them, those differences were honest ones of opinion, and that we are each aiming at the right. It is our serious conviction that the United States Government could well

afford to pay the expense of such a gathering at least once a year, for the purpose of cultivating friendly relations between the different parts of the country, and restoring a true spirit of union and harmony; and we believe one such gathering will do more to establish a permanent peace and union, to correct false impressions, and to wipe out the bitter remembrance of past difficulties, than a whole year of legislation. And to this end we believe Masonry has already done more than all other agencies.

#### CONCLUSION.

In concluding, we have to regret that we are not in possession of the Proceedings of all our sister Grand Chapters. We assure them that copies of our Proceedings have been sent to them all: but we have failed to receive some, as it is probable also that some have failed to receive ours. Some are received and reviewed so long after the Convocations they report are held, that in the meantime changes may have occurred in their officers, and this may be one cause of failure. We wish to suggest that these reports in the future be put into the hands of the Committee as fast as received, that they may be reviewed at leisure, thus affording real pleasure to the reviewer, rather than making it such a labor as it must be when done under a pressure for time, amid the cares of business which hardly admit of an hour's interruption. By this course, also, the Committee would be enabled to know what Proceedings were lacking, in time to open correspondence with the sister Grand Chapters or their officers, and procure them, which we would recommend that he should do in all cases where he has not received them up to a certain time.

Were we to undertake to make up tables from the reports in our possession alone, they would be very imperfect, and, therefore, in the case of those Grand Chapters of which we have no reports, we again avail ourselves of such statistics as we find in the much fuller report of M.E. Comp Drummond, of Maine, and present the following table:—

	No. of Subordinates.	Membors.	Exaltations.	Admissions, etc.	Dimitted.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspensions non-pay't dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama	71	2577	234	66	176	0	5	202	37	11
Arkansas	45	1371	207	36	64	2	6	82	24	3
California	35	1546	206	39	125	0	0	35		-11
Canada	29	1206	195	1 1	46	Ō	<b>26</b>	0	6	0
Connecticut	27	3066	874	12	17	2	1	0	<b>42</b>	0
District of Columbia	5	<b>49</b> 8	149	19	42	· 6	<b>2</b>	39	5	8
Florida	16	445	77	0	11	0	1	0	7	6
Georgia	50	1937	147	39	99	1	5	62	31	4
Illinois	111	5874	1150	88	215	11	23	0		107
Indiana	63	2282	488	<b>64</b>	118	7	28	0	29	0
Iowa	88	1378	448	37	78	3	16	21	14	0
Kansas	10	315	75	29	7	0	1	0	5	9
Kentucky	85	3701	457	60	161	3	<b>42</b>	0	<b>4</b> 0	31
Louisiana	25	1504	133	37	66	2	0	76	<b>4</b> 9	17
Maine	30	2210	400	0	31	0	1	0	26	36
Maryland, etc	10	780	113	15	15	1	10	0	9	7
Masssachusetts	. 44	5005	619	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	57	3912	710	63	153	3	5	0	23	118
Minnesosta	14	0	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	89	2732	228	162	194	1	19	443	70	0
Missouri	. 20	1367	272	69	114	2	1	11	17	18
Nebraska	. 3	200	<b>5</b> 9	13	8	1	0	0	3	3
New Hampshire	. 12	1146	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	. 19	1118	215	0	43	1	6	18	12	0
New York	139	11560	2170	127	270	6	0	125	121	0
North Carolina	. 30	1434	50	<b>2</b> 3	29	3	0	0	15	9
Ohio	. 103	5330	950	80	219	8	41	52	<b>4</b> 8	7
Oregon	. 5	149	16	4	9	0	0	0	3	0
Pennsylvania	. 60	3786	876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	. 9	913	157	0	0	0	0	0	12	24
South Carolina	. 20	674	137	17	18	3	19	0	11	0
Tennessee	. 73	3551	451	37	143	5	12	0	38	0
Texas	. 85	3500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	. 21	1313	275	0	40	1	3	0	12	0
Virginia	. 43	1564	0	1	0	1	0	114	<b>26</b>	0
Wisconsin	. 37	1946	358	33	101	3	25	0	11	47
Total	1543	81890	12732	1174	<del>2522</del>	<del>76</del>	<del>298</del>	1280	805	<del>476</del>

# GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

	Joshua Britton, Bradford. William B. Isaacs, Richmond. William H. Norris, Jr., Green Bay.
CRAND SECRETARIES.  Daniel Sayre, Montgomery William D. Blocher, Little Rock Joseph K. Wheeler, Hardrod Joseph K. Wheeler, Hardrod Moble D. Larner, Washington Hughl. Corley, Tallahassee B. B. Russell, Augusta, Box 306 H. G. Reynolds, Springfield William Hacker, Indiamaspolis William Hacker, Indiamapolis Phillip Swigert, Frankf't, Frklin Co., James C. Batchelor, M.D., N. Orleans, William A. Wentz, Battimore I'r Garri, Levereworth Thomas Waterman, Boston J. Eastman Johnson, Centreville William S. Combo, St. Paul Oscar T. Reeler, Columbus J. Eastman Johnson, Centreville William S. Combo, St. Paul Oscar T. Keeler, Columbus John Woolverton, M.D., Trenton Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo John Woolverton, M.D., Trenton John Woolverton, M.D., Trenton John Woolverton, M.D., Trenton John Woolverton, M.D., Salem John Thomson, Philadelpina John Thomson, Philadelpina John Frizzell, Nashville Wobert Breyster, Harnham, Providence Ebenezor Thayer, Charleston	John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington John Dove, Richmond
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From a perusal of this report one cannot fail to see that Royal Arch Masonry in this country is in an exceedingly prosperous and flourishing condition. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the broad expanse, the only discordant note coming from Maryland and the District of Columbia, where we hope for better things soon.

If the labor of preparing this report has been onerous, it has also afforded much pleasure, for one cannot read the Addresses, Reports, etc., contained in the Proceedings — coming thus in contact with the best minds in our noble Fraternity, among which are some of the ablest in the country — without having his perceptions quickened, his thoughts elevated, and his heart made better. To all these our friends, to whom we now come in this capacity for the last time, we say a kind adieu, and with it extend our hand to all the Royal Arch Craft in a fraternal greeting. May the Supreme Grand High Priest bless you and realize to you your best wishes and highest hopes. Our pen falls into able hands, and we shall hereafter, if spared, take great pleasure in perusing his and your productions.

To one and all, let us keep bright the chain that binds our hearts in willing, loving, masonic union; let us in our daily lives exemplify the teachings of our "Sublime Degrees," and so live here that the future shall realize our brightest anticipations.

Asking indulgence for the imperfections and crudities of our too hastily prepared report, it is

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

HENRY CHICKERING,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ORGANIZATIONS.

# OFFICERS

OF THE

# Grand Boyal Breb Chapter of Massachusetts,

# ELECTED OCTOBER 13, 1868.

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING							Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN							Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JONATHAN P. FOLSOM .							Grand King.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS .							Grand Scribe.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr							Grand Captain of the Host.
E. Alonzo C. Blethin, .							Grand Principal Sojourner.
· ·							Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Joseph C. Williams .							Grand Master Third Veil.
E. John A. Lee							Grand Master Second Veil.
E. George Robinson							Grand Master First Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones							Grand Treasurer
E. THOMAS WATERMAN .							Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. John P. Robinson,	`						·
E. Rev. GEORGE L. HUNT,	(						Grand Chaplains.
E. Rev. John W. Dadmun,	5						•
E. EBEN F. GAY,	-						Crond Stamondo
E. WM. MERRIAM,	•	•	٠	٠	•	•	Grand Stewards.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAM	8						Grand Lecturer.
E. John W. Dadmun							Com. or For. Correspondence.
E. John McClellan,							•
E. Solon Thornton, .							Committee of Finance.
E. JOHN K. HALL,							
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN,							
E. SAMUEL MILLARD,							Committee of Charity.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN,							·
E. PETER C. JONES,							
E. Wm. PARKMAN,							Trustees of the Funds.
E. RICHARD BRIGGS,							
Change H. Dire							Grand Tulor

# PAST OFFICERS

OF THE

# Grand Boyal Brch Chapter of Massachusetts.

# PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.					1798, 99, 1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng					1801, 2.
*TIMOTHY BIGELOW					1803, 4, 5.
*Isaiah Thomas .					1806, 7, 8.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT					1809.
*JAMES DEAN HOPKINS					1810, 11, 12.
* Јони Аввотт .					1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney					1816, 17.
*JAMES PRESCOTT .					1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage .					1820, 21, 22.
*Paul Dean					1823, 24, 25.
* DANIEL LEWIS GIBBEN	8				1826, 27, 28.
* Samuel Clark .					1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske .					1832, 33.
*EDWARD A. RAYMOND					1834, 35, 36.
* Simon W. Robinson					1837, 38, 39.
*JOHN B. HAMMATT					1840.
*Elijah Atherton					1841, 42, 43.
THOMAS TOLMAN .					1844, 45.
CHARLES W. MOORE					1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon			•		1849, 50, 51.
*STEPHEN LOVELL .					1852, 53, 54.
DANIEL HARWOOD					1855, 56.
WENDELL THORNTON I	DAVI	9			1857.
JOHN McClellan .					1858.
JAMES KIMBALL .					1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton .					1862, 64, 64.
RICHARD BRIGGS .					1865, 66, 67.
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<sup>\*</sup>Deceased.

# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng						April to Sept.
* Jonathan Gage						1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf .						1800.
*Simon Eliot				•		1801, 2.
*BENJAMIN RUSSELL .					18	803-8, 1816-20.
*Henry Fowle			•			1808-14.
*James C. King		•				1814-15.
* SAMUEL L. KNAPP .				• .		1820.
* PAUL DEAN						1821-22.
* Augustus Peabody .						1823-26.
*Benjamin Huntoon .					•, •	1826-29.
*Robert Lash						1829-33.
THOMAS TOLMAN				•		1833, 1841-44.
*GARDNER RUGGLES .		. •				1834-37.
*John B. Hammatt .						1837-40.
*ELIJAH ATHERTON .						1840.
*ELIAS HASKELL	•					1844-45.
*RUEL BAKER						1846-47.
GILBERT NURSE						1848.
Winslow Lewis, M.D						1849.
*STEPHEN LOVELL						1850-51.
TIMOTHY INGRAHAM .						1852.
E. M. P. Wells						1853.
Joseph Bedlow						1854.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON						1855:
WILLIAM R. ALGER .		•		•		1856.
TRACY P CHEEVER .						1857.
*ISAAC P. SEAVY						1858.
Wyzeman Marshall .		•				1859.
Solon Thornton	•					1860.
RICHARD BRIGGS						1861.
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM .						1862.
JOHN K. HALL						1868.
CALEB RAND						1864.
John W. Dadmun						1865.
CHARLES A. WELCH .						1866.
BENJAMIN LEWIS						1867.

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# PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng				•	•		•	1798.
*JAMES HARRISON .								1799.
* WILLIAM MCKEEN					•			1800.
* Charles Jackson .								1801.
*BENJAMIN RUSSELL								1802.
*GILMAN WHITE .								1803-4.
*DAVID COFFIN, Jr	•		,					1805.
*Amos Tappan .							•	1806.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT .								1807-8.
* WILLIAM WOART .								1809-10
*Јони Аввотт								1811-12
*SAMUEL L. KNAPP .								1813-14
*HENRY FOWLE .								1815.
*JAMES C. KING .								1816-17
*Joseph Brown .					•			1818.
* ROBERT LASH .								1819.
* CALEB BUTLER .						•		1820-22.
HENRY WHIPPLE .								1823.
*DANIEL LEWIS GIBBENS	3						•	1824-25.
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD								1826-28.
* CHARLES TRAIN .		•						1829-31.
*EDWARD A. RAYMOND								1832-33.
*WILLIAM WHITING								1834-35.
*Simon W. Robinson								1836.
*Elijah Atherton .								1837-40.
*Enoch Hobart .								1840.
*John R. Bradford								1841-43.
CHARLES W. MOORE								1844-45.
GILBERT NURSE .								1846-47.
WILLIAM EATON .								1848.
* Lucien B. Keith .								1849.
SAMUEL MILLARD .								1850-51.
John Flint				-				1852.
								1853
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN								1854.
*JONATHAN G. JOHNSON								1855.
WENDELL THORNTON DA	VIS							1856.
WILLIAM PARKMAN								1857.
WILLIAM H. L. SMITH								1858.
WILLIAM W. BAKER								1859.

*SYLVESTER BAXTER				1860.
WILLIAM S SHURTLEFF				
CHARLES C. DAME				
HENRY CHICKERING				
ALBERT E. FOTH .				1864.
DAVID W. CRAFTS				1865.
HENRY ENDICOTT .				1866.
DANIEL W LAWRENCE				1007

# PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*JAMES HARRISON						1798.
*Joshua Greenlea	F					1799.
* Charles Jackson	•					1800.
* Benjamin Russel	L					1801.
*STEPHEN HOWARD						1802.
* ABRAHAM PERKIN	8		•			1803-4.
*SAMUEL A. OTIS						1805.
*James Dean Hopi	KINS					1806.
*THOMAS CAREY, J.	r.					1807-8.
* THOMAS JACKSON						1809.
*SUMNER BARSTOW	•					1810.
*HENRY PURKETT					•	1811.
*EDWARD TURNER						1812.
* Andrew Sigourn	EY					1813-14.
* NATHANIEL KNAPE	, Jr.					1815.
*Joseph Brown						1816-17.
*Robert Lash						1818.
*James Morse .						1819-20.
*Roswell Lee	•					1821.
*DANIEL BAXTER						1822.
*DANIEL LEWIS GI	BBEN	B				1823.
*John James Lori:	NG					1824-25.
*SAMUEL CLARK						1826-29.
* CHARLES WELLS						1829-32.
*WILLIAM WHITING	G-					1833.
*Simon W. Robins	ON					1834-35.
*ELIJAH ATHERTON	r .					1836.
*Enoch Hobart						1837-39.
* John R. Bradfor	RD					1840.
*Robert Keith						1841-43.
*Ruel Baker .						1844-45.
*JOEL TALBOT						1040 47

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*Lucien B. Keith .					1848.
SAMUEL MILLARD .					1849.
*HENRY EARL					1850-51
JONAS A. MARSHALL					1852.
* HORACE CHENERY .					1853.
John McClellan .					1854.
ABRAHAM A. DAME					1855.
John Andrews .		•			1856.
JOEL SPALDING .					1857.
JAMES KIMBALL .					1858.
HENRY GODDARD .					1859.
GEORGE SHERWIN .					186 <b>0</b> .
GEORGE TALBOT .				٠.	1861.
Moses H. Fowler			•		1862.
JOHN N. PIKE .					1863.
WANTON T. DREW .					1864.
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAM	18				1865.
RUFUS S. POPE .					1866.
LYMAN B. MESTON.			_		1867.

# ABSTRACT

#### FROM THE

# Returns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1868,

#### WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

# ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

# A.L. 5769.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN				High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. ROMNEY				King.
E. JACOB N. M. CLOUGH			. •	Scribe.
WILLIAM S. HILLS .				Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM F. PIERCE .				Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH N. PIERCE, Jr				Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN S. SHERBURNE .				Master Third Veil.
GIDEON T MANSFIELD.				Master Second Veil.
WOOSTER B. MAYHEW .				Master First Veil.
JOHN McClellan				Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN .				Secretary.
Solon Thornton				Assistant Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson				Chaplain.
EDWARD A. WHITE .				Senior Steward.
SERANUS BOWEN				Junior Steward.
GEORGE H. PIKE				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 400; Candidates exalted, 46; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$144.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

#### A.L. 5790.

#### OFFICERS.

ER				High Priest.
				King.
				Scribe.
				Captain of the Host.
				Principal Sojourner
				Royal Arch Captain.
				Master Third Veil.
				Master Second Veil.
		•		Master First Veil.
				Treasurer.
				Secretary.
				Chaplain.
				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 112; Candidates Exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

#### A.L. 5811.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES H. NORRIS		•		High Priest.
E. ISRAEL S. LEE				King.
E. GEORGE TAPLEY .				Scribe.
CHARLES D. McDUFFEE				Captain of the Host.
GEORGE W. S. ROLLINS				Principal Sojourner.
EDWARD H. STATEN .				Royal Arch Captain.
ROBERT CHASE				Master Third Veil.
THOMAS E. SMITH				Master Second Veil.
SAMUEL P. WALCOTT .				Master First Veil.
ALVAH KENDALL				Treasurer.
WILLIAM ARCHER				Secretary.
JAMES KIMBALL				Chaplain.
JAMES A. HILL				Senior Steward.
SAMUEL W. FAIRFIELD.				Junior Steward.
WILLIAM L. BATCHELDER				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 169; Candidates Exalted, 31; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$99.

# ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5816.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN A. LEE .	٠.			High Priest.
E. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTE				King.
E. WILLIAM W. ARNOLD				Scribe.
DAVID S. SMALL				Captain of the Host.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr.				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM H. SHERMAN .				Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN S. JENKINS .				Master Third Veil.
JAMES W. LAWRENCE .				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES SEARELL				Master First Veil.
EDWARD STETSON				Treasurer.
Elisha C. Leonard .				Secretary.
JAMES TAYLOR				Chaplain.
WILLIAM A. SEARELL .			•	Tyler.

## Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 279; Candidates Exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

# MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

#### A.L. 5817.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. RICHARD H. BAILEY				High Priest.
E. JAMES C. DRAKE .				King.
E. WILLIAM F. ROWERS				Scribe.
Lowell Preston	•		•	Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM A. SHAW .				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM A. FULLER .				Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM H. ALLEN .	•			Master Third Veil.
CHARLES E. EVANS .				Master Second Veil.
GEORGE H. KENDALL .				Master First Veil.
THOMAS WARNER, Jr				Treasurer.
J. E. COOLIDGE				Secretary.
JOHN E. TAYLOR				Chaplain.
GEORGE D. ROLLINS .		•		Tyler.

#### Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of members, 273; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$57.

# FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

#### A.L. 5817.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM S. S	SEVE	RAN	CE.			High Priest.
E. GEORGE WILLES	¥				٠.	King.
E. O. D. POTTER						Scribe.
DAVID LYON .						Captain of the Host.
E. J. RICE .						Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES P. FORBE	s					Royal Arch Captain:
John A. Clark						Master Third Veil.
GEORGE A. ALLEN				٠		Master Second Veil.
L. H. BAILEY .						Master First Veil.
R. HOWLAND .						Treasurer.
L. C. PRATT .	٠					Secretary.
P. V. Finch .						Chaplain.
Andrew W. Wait						Senior Steward.
J. H. NUTTING	•					Junior Steward.
John J. Graves						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday next after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 120; Candidates Exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

# ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

## A.L. 5818.

# OFFICERS.

M.E. Frederick A. Pierce	•			High Priest.
E. RICHARD M. BARKER				King.
E. James A. Fox				Scribe.
SAMUEL W. GREENE .				Captain of the Host.
CHARLES G. JACKMAN .	. ′			Principal Sojourner.
HENRY WARREN				Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES MILLS				Master Third Veil.
CHARLES J. HAYDEN .				Master Second Veil.
HENRY J. PARKER				Master First Veil.
JOHN K. HALL				Treasurer.
THEODORE H. EMMONS .				Secretary.
Rev. SAMUEL KELLY .				Chaplain.
WILLIAM SAWYER				Senior Steward.
THOMAS R. JACOBS .				Junior Steward.
GEORGE H. PIKE				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 252; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$66.

# MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

#### A.L. 5820.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE B. BLAKE	2						High Priest.
E. Bradford Kinsley							King.
E. ENOCH P. DAVIS						•	Scribe.
JONATHAN R. GAY .							Captain of the Host.
BENJAMIN WARD, Jr.							Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE F. WALKER							Royal Arch Captain.
Joshua Britton .							Master Third Veil.
FRED. L. BRETT .		•					Master Second Veil.
HORACE BEALS .							Master First Veil.
LUTHER BELCHER .							Treasurer.
Washington Tower, J	r.						Secretary.
A. St. John Chambre							Chaplain.
HIRAM LINFIELD .		•	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

## Regular Meetings, Friday preceding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 59; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30.

# THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

# A.L. 5821.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES S. LITCH						High Priest.
E. THOMAS C. CALDWELL						King
E. George Wheelock .				•		Scribe.
Jonas A. Marshall .				•		Captain of the Host.
THOMAS W. DAVIS						Principal Sojourner.
FRANCIS SHELDON						Royal Arch Captain.
CYRUS BROWN						Master Third Veil.
James L. Chapman .						Master Second Veil.
ORAN S. RICE						Master First Veil.
ARNOLD WILSON						Treasurer.
HENRY ALLISON						Secretary.
H. L. Jones, }						Chaplains.
D. C. Brick,	•	•	•	•	•	Onapiano.
A. P. KIMBALL						Senior Steward.
Ç. J. Billings						Junior Steward.
JOSEPH PIERCE						Tyler.
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# Regular Meetings, on or before Full Moon.

Present number of members, 92; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Graud Chapter, \$45.

## WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

#### A.L. 5823.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES G. REED					•	High Priest.
E. Joseph R. Knox						King.
E. DANIEL W. BEMIS,						Scribe.
DANIEL SEAGRAVE .						Captain of the Host.
HENRY C. WILSON .						Principal Sojourner.
NOEL E. CONVERSE						Royal Arch Captain
HENRY C. WADSWORTH						Master Third Veil.
GEORGE F. WOOD .						Master Second Veil.
EDWARD S. PIKE .	. 1					Master First Veil.
CHARLES H. FITCH .			•			Treasurer.
GEORGE E. BOYDEN						Secretary.
Rev. ROYAL B. STRATTO	N					Chaplain.
SIMEON B. MARSH .		•				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 210; Candidates exalted, 36; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$112.

# MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

#### A.L. 5824.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. HENRY C. SKINNI	ER					High Priest.
E. EDWARD WOODS						King.
E. ISAAC H. STEARNS						Scribe.
GEORGE E. STACY .						Captain of the Host.
LEONARD FAIRBANKS		•				Principal Sojourner.
J. HARDING SMITH				•		Royal Arch Captain.
Ezra F. Holbrook		•				Master Third Veil.
ALFRED A. BURRELL						Master Second Veil.
J. C. Bradford .		•				Master First Veil.
LEONARD HUNT .						Treasurer.
JAMES S. SLATER .						Secretary.
Rev. George S. Ball		•				Chaplain.
ALFRED H. HASTINGS						Senior Steward.
CHARLES C. SMITH		•				Junior Steward.
JOHN M. WOOD .	•	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 144; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$96.

# NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOSIAH H. PRINDLE	2				High Priest.
E. John A. Prentiss					King.
E. Aaron C. Barton					Scribe.
EDWARD F. HAMLIN					Captain of the Host.
Joseph C. Williams	•				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM C. POMEROY				•	Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE S. PHELPS					Master Third Veil.
ALVIN RUST		•			Master Second Veil.
ONESIME A. PARENT			•		Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright, Jr.		•		•	Treasurer.
A. Perry Peck .					Secretary.
WILLIAM T. CLEMENT					Chaplain.
WILLIAM M. WEATHERI	LL				Senior Steward.
IRA H. STEVENS .					Junior Steward.
DAVID B. WHITCOMB, JI	۲.				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, flirst Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 106; Candidates exalted, 14; Fccs to Grand Chapter, \$48.

# CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E Josiah H. Simple				High Priest.
E. ABIAL S. LEWIS				King.
E. WILLIAM HASTINGS				Scribe.
FRANKLIN H. SPRAGUE				Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM H. CHENERY	•			Principal Sojourner.
EDGAR POTTER .				Royal Arch Captan.
JOSEPH CLOYES .				Master Third Veil.
EDWARD BURNHAM				Master Second Veil.
NELSON WINCH .	~			Master First Veil.
ADAM HEMENWAY				Treasurer.
C. J FROST				Secretary.
FRED. COE				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 66; Candidates exalted, 9; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$35.

# MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Albion J. Dudley	r			High Priest.
E. CHARLES MORRILL				King.
E. John M. Pevey				Scribe.
FREDERICK FRYE .				Captain of the Host.
NATHANIEL C. SANBORN		•		Principal Sojourner.
ALONZO K. LYNCH .				Royal Arch Captain.
J. J. C. Browne .				Master Third Veil.
ALFRED H. CHASE .				Master Second Veil.
ARTHUR G. POLLARD				Master First Veil.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM				Treasurer.
RICHARD W. BAKER				Secretary.
HIRAM M. HALL .				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday, on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 192; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$51.

# ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5854.

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M.E. E. C. CHAMBERLIN	ī						High Priest.
E. GEORGE F. SAMPSON							King.
E. THOMAS A. UPHAM							Scribe.
Simon Cragin .							Captain of the Host.
HARRY K. THOMAS							Principal Sojourner.
Joseph Davis .							Royal Arch Captain.
PHILANDER NUTTER							Master Third Veil.
CHARLES H. PEPPER							Master Second Veil.
EUGENE E. ALDEN							Master First Veil.
SAMUEL L. FOWLE .							Treasurer.
HEZEKIAH MAYO .							Secretary.
CHARLES H. SCOLLEY				•			Senior Steward.
BENJAMIN H. STIMSON							Junior Steward.
SAMUEL W. GLEASON	•	•	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, fourth Monday of each month.

Present number of Members, 158; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

#### A.L. 5855.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES M. AVERY					High Priest.
E. James M. Greenwood					King.
E. CHARLES T. GAY .					Scribe.
DANIEL E. CHASE		•	•		Captain of the Host.
JAMES TENT					Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM D. SEELEY .					Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN E. MARDEN					Master Third Veil.
SIMEON C. WILLIAMS .					Master Second Veil.
PHILIP G. ILSLEY					Master First Veil.
SLADE LUTHER					Treasurer.
George W. Vose					Secretary.
Rev. Charles H. Leonar	D.				Chaplain.
GEORGE W. LANE					Senior Steward.
CHARLES S. BEATTEY .					Junior Steward.
Amos Seavey					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 210; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chaper, \$45.

# ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

#### A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Rupus S. Po	PE							High Priest.
E. J. K. BAKER, Jr	٠.							King.
E. V. B. NICKERSO	N							Scribe.
J. W. CHAPMAN						•		Captain of the Host.
O. C. BAKER .						•		Principal Sojourner.
J. B. BAXTER						•		Royal Arch Captain.
N. D. KELLEY								Master Third Veil.
STEPHEN SEARS			•				•	Master Second Veil.
BENJAMIN P. SEAR	8	•						Master First Veil.
ALEXANDER BAXT	ER							Treasurer.
SAMUEL SNOW						•		Secretary.
JAMES BARNABY	•							Chaplain.
ALBERT BERRY		•		•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday, on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 66; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27.

# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

#### A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

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Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 121; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

# BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

#### A.L. 5858.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. H. S. Russell		•			High Priest.
E. L. Scott					King.
E. D. A. CLARY .					Scribe.
J. C. PARKER		•	•		Captain of the Host.
S. H. Almy				•	Principal Sojourner.
F. S. PARKER					Royal Arch Captain.
G. T. BARKER .	•				Master Third Veil.
E. C. CRAFTS .					Master Second Veil.
GEORGE W. CLARK					Master First Veil.
J. CARTER				•	Treasurer.
LORENZO H. GAMWELL					Secretary.
E. L. WELLS					Chaplain.
HENRY B BREWSTER				. •	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 80; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

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# KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

#### A.L. 5858.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE ROBI	NSO	NT.				High Priest.
E. N. G. REED						King.
E. I. F. Snow						Scribe.
J. W. Robinson						Captain of the Host.
J. F. JORDAN .						Principal Sojourner.
J. S. WILSON .		•.				Royal Arch Captain.
W. H. NEWLAND		•				Master Third Veil.
J. H. PEPPER .						Master Second Veil.
D. Russell .						Master First Veil.
W. C. SHELDON						Treasurer.
SAMUEL H. PHELPS					í	Secretary.
GEORGE W. BUTTRI	CK					Chaplain.
J. Wardsworth						Senior Steward.
D. C. GATES						Junior Steward.
JAMES BARKLEY						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 46; Candidates exalted, none; Fees to Grand Chapters, \$6.

# KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

# A.L. 5860.

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M.E. ISAAC P CARI	ENT	ER				High Priest.
E. WILLIAM H. THO	OM AS	3				King.
E. C. RICHMOND						Scribe.
C. H. SAWYER	•.					Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM B. CROCK	ER					Principal Sojourner.
H. N. PAINE .						Royal Arch Captain.
George C. Forres:	r					Master Third Veil.
E. P. PAINE .						Master Second Veil.
Joseph Wilson						Master First Veil.
WILLIAM CARPENTI	ER	•				Treasurer.
T. E. GROVER.	•					Secretary.
J. M. MERRICK						Chaplain.
A. A. WILMARTH					•	Senior Steward.
L. P. FAUGHT .						Junior Steward.
COPELAND FALES						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 64; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15.

# MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

#### A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. D. F. Robinson	N.			High Priest.
E. John Haigh .				King.
E. Daniel Nason .				Scribe.
N. A. Візнор				Captain of the Host.
A. A. CURRIER .				Principal Sojourner.
H. H. FLETCHER .				Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN BOOTH .				Master Third Veil.
L. E. HOGLE				Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM F. FARNHA	м.			Master First Veil.
RUFUS REED		• .		Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson .				Secretary.
Rev. GEORGE S. WE	AVER			Chaplain.
OTIS SLATER				Senior Steward.
GEORGE W. HORN.				Junior Steward.
G. W. WATERHOUSE				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of numbers, 136; Candidates Exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

# PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

#### A.L. 5862.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM H. DAV	18					High Priest.
E. Cyrus Morton, jr.						King.
E. B. Sanford, jr						Scribe.
H. F. COPELAND .						Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM H. MAINE						Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL N. DYER, Jr.						Royal Arch Captain.
S. S BRADFORD .						Master Third Veil.
James F. Cox .						Master Second Veil.
GFORGE L. FAXON						Master First Veil.
BENJAMIN L. NASH						Treasurer.
ERASTUS M. NASH.						Secretary.
Rev. F. P. HOWLAND		•			. '	Chaplain.
GEORGE A. BEAL .						Senior Steward.
GEORGE H. PEARSON	•			•		Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 167; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$69.

# WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

# A.L. 5868.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. THOMAS WINSHIP				High Priest.
E. John W. Chapman				King.
E. CHARLES C. DIKE				Scribe.
OSGOOD W. UPHAM				Captain of the Host.
GEORGE F. CLAPP.				Principal Sojourner.
ALBERT D. S. BELL				Royal Arch Captain.
ROBERT J. CHUTE .				Master Third Veil.
GEORGE L. W. DIKE				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES H. NICHOLS				Master First Veil.
GEORGE W. HEATH				Treasurer.
WALTER LITTLEFIELD				Secretary.
THOMAS J. GREENWOOD	D			Chaplain.
O. S. EDGERLY .				Senior Steward.
RUFUS LEAVITT .				Junior Steward.
SMITH W. NICHOLS				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 311; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$96.

# ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

## A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. BENJAMIN POPE .					High Priest.
E. FREDERICK G. WALBRIDG	G E				King.
E. BENJAMIN T. WELLS				•	Scribe.
JOHN J. DYER					Captain of the Host.
PARKER C BURBANK .					Principal Sojourner.
RALPH CROCKER, Jr		•			Royal Arch Captain.
ETHAN R. CHENEY .					Master Third Veil.
LENDALL F. TARBETT .					Master Second Veil.
Joseph R. Grose	,				Master First Veil.
HORACE SMITH					Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio					Secretary,
J. I. T. COOLIDGE					Chaplain.
JOHN Q. A. HILBROOK .					Senior Steward.
Amasa D. Thompson .					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM D. ROCKWOOD					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of members, 133; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JAMES B. SHAW					High Priest.
E. MARSHALL FOX .					King.
E. JOHN E. CRANE					Scribe.
JAMES S. WILLIAMS					Captain of the Host.
Andrew Pinney .					Principal Sojourner.
T. H. Hughes .					Royal Arch Captain.
G. B. KENERSON .					Master Third Veil.
F. J. WASSUM .					Master Second Veil.
WILLIAM MERRIAM					Master First Veil.
W. W. Cross .					Treasurer.
H. H. SAUNDERS .	•				Secretary.
C. F. FOSTER			•	•	Chaplain.
T. F. FULLER .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 62; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$51.

# MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES E. JOYC	E	•	•	•	•	High Priest.
E. Alfred Haskell						King.
E. S. B. HARRINGTON				,		Scribe.
Amos B. Morss .						Captain of the Host.
JAMES P. RICHARDSON						Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES D. ARCHIBAL	D					Royal Arch Captain.
FRED. J. PEABODY						Master Third Veil.
EDGAR M. PLATT .						Master Second Veil.
GEORGE H. CONN .		•	•			Master First Veil.
GFORGE B. GREEN.						Treasurer.
P. R. LITCHFIELD .						Secretary.
BENJAMIN H. DAVIS						Chaplain.
BENJAMIN A. HERSEY						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 108; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$69.

# SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ALONZO C. BLETH	EN					High Priest.
E. TIMOTHY STEVENS						King.
E. DAVID J. NEWHALL						Scribe.
ELBRIDGE B. STAPLES .						Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM H. COLLINS .	•					Principal Sojourner.
JOHN C. MYER .						Royal Arch Captain.
JEROME INGALLS						Master Third Veil.
CHARLES HEALEY .			•			Master Second Veil.
SYLVESTER B. BREED		•				Master First Veil.
GEORGE B. TOLMAN						Treasurer.
HENRY C. OLIVER .		,				Secretary.
NATHAN B. FLETCHER						Senior Steward.
DANIEL A. SUTHERLAND						Junior Steward.
STEPHEN H. SAWTELL	•				•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 78;] Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$30.

# FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ROBERT HENRY	r					High Priest.
E. JAMES F. DAVENE	ORT	•				King.
E. SILAS WILLIAMS						Scribe.
WILLIAM DAVENPOR	T					Captain of the Host.
C. E. GIFFORD .			,			Principal Sojourner.
ALDEN GILBERT .						Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN WHITAKER .						Master Third Veil.
Andrew M. Speedi	E					Master Second Veil.
F. W. MACOMBER .					•	 Master First Veil.
A. L. WESTGATE .		•				Treasurer.
THOMAS L. BRAYTON	r					Secretary.
JOHN DUNCAN						Chaplain.
JAMES DAVIS						Senior Steward.
MASON FISHER .						Junior Steward.
WILLIAM PRESTON.						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 116; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$85.

# CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES HARRIS				High Priest.
E. HIRAM L. CHASE				King.
E. SAMUEL M. DAVIS				Scribe.
HORACE W. FULLER				Captain of the Host.
LEANDER M. HANNUM				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM J. DOWD .				Royal Arch Captain
EBEN C. PRESCOTT.	•			Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM L. LOTHROP		٠.	•	Master Second Veil.
DANIEL P. CUMMINGS				Master First Veil.
GEORGE P. CARTER				Treasurer.
SEYMOUR B. SNOW				Secretary.
Rev. E. B. CHASE .				Chaplain.
WILLIAM DAILEY .			• .	Senior Steward.
ALFRED WHITMAN .				Junior Steward.
DANIEL M. HAZEN .				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 129; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$57.

# WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

## A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ROBERT L. DAVIS					High Priest.
E. John C. Locke .					King.
E. John W. Fairbanks		•			Scribe.
HENRY W. HARTWELL					Captain of the Host.
GEORGE A. BATES .			•.		Principal Sojourner.
NATHAN S. WHITNEY					Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES W. STOW				•.	Master Third Veil.
<b>Јони Е. Whitcomb</b>	•				Master Second Veil.
KENNETH M. DEANE	•		•.		Master First Veil.
HENRY MARTYN .		•			Treasurer.
HENRY N. FISHER .				•	Secretary.
LEONARD P. FROST					Chaplain.
CHARLES A. BRACKETT		•			Senior Steward.
FRANCIS P. PRATT.				•	Junior Steward.
HOBERT T. GEROULD			•		Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full Moon.

Present number of Members, 100; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

# ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

# A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES F. JOHNS	ON				High Priest.
E. James Utley .					King.
E. F. G. SHALLING .					Scribe.
John Holland .	-				Captain of the Host.
CHARLES F. EDDY .					Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM B. PRESBURY					Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE F. CHAMPNEY					Master Third Veil.
TIMOTHY C. BAKER				٠,	Master Second Veil.
B. C. PIERCE					Master First Veil.
CHARLES LAWTON .		-			Treasurer.
M. Frank Pike .					Secretary.
WILLIAM A. BROWN					Chaplains.
NATHANIEL W. BRIGGS					Senior Steward.
WILLIAM E. DEAN .					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM COX .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full Moon.

Present number of Members, 103; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

# MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

#### A.L. 5835.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM GROVER				High Priest.
E. NATHANIEL W. QUIN	T	·.		King.
E. R. S. HOWARD .				Scribe.
OSCAR S. TUTTLE .				Captain of the Host.
CYRUS L. FRINK .				Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT B. JOHNSON				Royal Arch Captain.
Allan Higginbottom				Master Third Veil.
A. L. SHUMWAY .				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES BLODGETT				Master First Veil.
George W. Prentiss				Treasurer.
CHARLES H. LYMAN				Secretary.
ALEXANDER M. AVERIL	L			Chaplain.
Philander Moore				Senior Steward.
WILLIAM RUDDY .				Junior Steward.
BENJAMIN F. LINCOLN				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members. 48; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21.

## MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES J. DAN	FORTH					High Priest.
E. SAMUEL LITTLE.		•				King.
E. Joshua H. Putnam						Scribe.
JOHN W. LORD .						Captain of the Host.
EBENEZER ADAMS .						Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE RICHARDS						Royal Arch Captain.
DANIEL WHEELER .				•.		Master Third Veil.
Julius Baron .						Master Second Veil.
C. C. CHICKERING .						Master First Veil.
R. W. MOLINEUX .			•			Treasurer.
J. GARDNER CURTIS						Secretary.
JOHN W. DADMUN .				•		Chaplain.
E. G. Scотт	•	•	•	•	•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 78; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

# CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

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M.E. DANIEL UPTOR	N.							High Priest.
E. John M. Morin								King.
E. WILLIAM H. GAY	LOR	D						Scribe.
J. C. CHALMERS	•							Captain of the Host.
D. D. Bowen .								Principal Sojourner.
JAMES RENFREW								Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. Hunt .								Master Third Veil.
S. F. HOWLAND							•	Master Second Veil.
GEORGE W. ADAMS								Master First Veil.
E. Burlingame								Treasurer.
H. H. WELLINGTON				•				Secretary.
E. T. Hunt .		•	•					Chaplain.
L. J. FOLLETT		•					•	Senior Steward.
WILLIAM CLAIGHTO	N							Junior Steward.
JAMES SENDSEY		•						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 36; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21.

# UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

#### A.L. 5866.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Andrew An	woo	D			 High Priest.
E. C. W. BANNON					King.
E. C. M. TAYLOR					Scribe.
D. W. HOUGHTON					Captain of the Host.
GEORGE H. RICHA	RDS	ON			Principal Sojourner.
C. W. BARBER					Royal Arch Captain.
ERI SHEPARDSON					Master Third Veil.
ASA BARNES .				•	Master Second Veil.
F. G. Lord .					Master First Veil.
N. RICHARDSON					Treasurer.
LUCIAN LORD .					Secretary.
Amos Cheney					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Tuesday on or after full Moon.

Present number of Members, 43; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27,

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, DORCHESTER.

#### A.L. 5866.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM SAYWAR	RD				High Priest.
E. WILLIAM T. ADAMS					King.
E. SAMUEL B HILDRET	H				Scribe.
NELSON N. FARRAR					Captain of the Host.
Lucius H. Dwelley					Principal Sojourner.
Joseph H. Beal .					Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM H. WEST.					Master Third Veil.
LABAN PRATT .					Master Second Veil.
COOLIDGE BARNARD					Master First Veil.
HENRY HALL		•.		•	Treasurer.
THOMAS F. TEMPLE			. •		Secretary.
Philemon Ruggles					Chaplain.
OTIS EDDY				•	Senior Steward.
Augustus F. Leman				. •	Junior Steward.
Benjamin C. Bird					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 39; Candidates exalted, 4; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$18.

# MENOTOMY CHAPTER, ARLINGTON.

#### A.L. 5866.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. EDWARD STO	RER					High Priest.
E. W H. PA	TTE	E				King.
E. GEORGE H. LAN	CASI	ER				Scribe.
MARCUS MORTON		. •				Captain of the Host.
JAMES DURGIN						Principal Sojourner.
JOHN A. PATTEE						Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE D. TUFTS						Master Third Veil.
ANDREW F. ALLEN						Master Second Veil.
ALBERT L. TEEL						Master First Veil.
J. Winslow Pierci	E					Treasurer.
MILAN R. HARDY					•	Secretary.
J. W. KEYES .						Chaplain.
James Baston						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 71; Candidates exalted, 33; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$101.

# WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

## A.L. 5866.

### OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE J. SAW	YER						High Priest.
E. F. F. CHACE .		•					King.
E. HIRAM ALLEN .							Scribe.
WYMAN E. PHETTEPL	ACE		•			• .	Captain of the Host.
EDWARD F. SMITH							Principal Sojourner.
Elisha Chase .							Royal Arch Captain.
John Hethrington,	Jr.						Master Third Veil.
Alonzo L. Kimball							Master Second Veil.
GEORGE H. JACOBS	•		•	. •			Master First Veil.
James Chadwick .					•		Treasurer.
GEORGE H JACOBS							Secretary.
WILLIAM CROSSLEY						•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 18; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$24.

# HOUGHTON CHAPTER, MARLBOROUGH.

#### A.L. 5867.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Burleigh Morse						High Priest.
E. W. E C. WORCESTE	R.					King.
E. N. S. CHAMBERLAIN						Scribe.
Marshall P. Rogers		•				Captain of the Host.
CHARLES F. MORSE						Principal Sojourner.
EDWIN A. BRADLEY						Royal Arch Captain.
B. F. SMITH						Master Third Veil.
L. D. Hunter .			•			Master Second Veil.
George E. Sherman						Master First Veil.
Martin Dadman .						Treasurer.
JOHN F. COTTING ,						Secretary.
EDWIN F. LONGLEY					•	Senior Steward.
L. DADMAN	•.					Junior Steward.
SIDNEY BRIGHAM .						Tyler.

#### Regular Meetings, Friday, after full Moon.

Present number of Members, ; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$75.

# ISLE OF THE SEA CHAPTER, NANTUCKET.

#### A.L. 5867.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES H. JAGGAR	٠.			High Priest.
E. Joseph S. Barney .				King.
E. CHARLES E. ALLEN .				Scribe.
GEORGE S. WILBAR .				Captain of the Host.
ORIN F. ADAMS				Principal Sojourner.
JAMES S. CHASE				Royal Arch Captain.
S. R. WILLIAMS				Master Third Veil.
H. C. PINKHAM				Master Second Veil.
GEORGE F. BUNKER .				Master First Veil.
George W. Macy				Treasurer.
CHARLES S. BROOKS .	•			Secretary.
FRANK B. SMITH		•	. •	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members 15; Candidates exalted 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15.

#### PARKER CHAPTER, NATICK.

A.L. 5868. (U.D.)

#### CHAPTER OF THE SIGNET, CHARLESTOWN.

A.L. 5868.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. George H. Marden	•	•	High Priest
E. GIDEON HAYNES .			King.
E. WILLIAM H. KENT .			Scribe.

#### SAMOSET CHAPTER, PLYMOUTH.

A.L. 5888. (U.D.)

#### RECAPITULATION.

St. Andrew's, Boston	5769				46			400
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Washington, Salem	5811				31			169
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MORNING STAR, Springfield .	5817				17			273
FRANKLIN, Greenfield	5817				12			120
St. Paul's, Boston	5818				20			352
Mount Zion, Stoughton	5820				8			59
THOMAS, Fitchburg	5821				13			92
Worcester, Worcester	5823				36			210
MOUNT LABANON, Milford	5824				30			144
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CONCORD, Framingham	5826				9			66
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SHEKINAH, Chelsea	5855				13			210
ORIENT, Hyannis	5856				7			66
PENTUCKET, Haverhill	5856				15			121
Berkshire, Pittsfield	5858				6			80
King Solomon's, Ware	5858				0			46
KEYSTONE, Foxborough	5860				3			64
Mount Sinai, Lawrence	5860				14			136
PILGRIM, Abington	5862				21			167
WAVERLY, Melrose	5863				30			311
ST. MATTHEW'S, South Boston	5863				18			133
Hampden, Palmer	5863				0			0
Mystic, Medford ,	5863				21			108
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FALL RIVER, Fall River	5864				27		٠.	116
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WALTHAM, Waltham	5864				13			100
St. Mark's, Taunton	5865				6			103
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MOUNT VERNON ROYDURY	5865				18			70

CORINTHIAN, Adams		5865			5			36
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## Address of Grand Officers.

HENRY CHICKERING	PITTSFIELD.
Grand High Priest.	
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Boston,
Deputy Grand High Priest.	
J. P. FOLSOM	LOWELL,
CHARLES H. NORRIS	SALEM.
THOMAS WATERMAN	Boston,
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Boston,
Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN	

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MASSACHUSETTS,

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#### PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

#### STATED CONVOCATION,

MARCH 9, 1869.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, March 9, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

#### PRESENT.

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING				Grand High Priest.
E. Alfred F. Chapman .				Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS .				Grand Scribe.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr				Grand Captain of the Host.
ALONZO C. BLETHEN	٠			Grand Principal Sojourner.
DANIEL UPTON				Grand Royal Arch Captain.
PETER C. JONES				Grand Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN				Grand Secretary.
Rev. John W. Dadmun .				Grand Chaplain.
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS				Grand Lecturer.
George H. Pike				Grand Tyler.

#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Solon Thornton.	D. W. CRAFTS.	Wyzeman Marshall.
John McClellan.	A. A. DAME.	RUFUS S. POPE.
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN.		Winslow Lewis.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

MOUNT HOREB. St. Andrews. CONCORD. KING CYRUS. St. John's. CAMBRIDGE. WASHINGTON. MOUNT VERNON. SHEKINAH. ADONIRAM. ORIENT. CORINTHIAN. BERKSHIRE. ST. STEPHEN'S. FRANKLIN. MORNING STAR. KEY STONE. MENOTOMY. ST. PAUL'S. WAVERLY. PARKER. ST. MATTHEW'S. NORTHAMPTON. SAMOSET. HAMPDEN.

HAMPDEN.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was received, read, and referred to a committee consisting of M.E. Companions Thornton, A. A. Dame, and McClellan.

Voted, That the Dispensation to Parker Chapter be extended during the pleasure of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

#### STATED CONVOCATION,

#### June 8, 1869.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, June 8, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

#### PRESENT.

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING			Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN			Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. John W. Dadmun			Grand Scribe, pro tem.
Z. H. Thomas, Jr			Grand Captain of the Host.
JOHN A. LEE			Grand Royal Arch Captain, pro tem.
EBENEZER W TOLMAN .			Grand Treasurer, pro tem.
THOMAS WATERMAN			Grand Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson.			Grand Chaplain.
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS			Grand Lecturer.
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#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

John McClellan.	A. A. DAME.	RUFUS S. POPE.
JAMES KIMBALL.	Solon Thornton.	Wyzeman Marshall.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: —

St. Andrew's.	Worcester.	Hampden.
King Cyrus.	MOUNT LEBANON.	Mount Vernon.
Washington.	MOUNT HOREB.	MENOTOMY.
Adoniram.	St. John's.	HOUGHTON.
MORNING STAR.	ORIENT.	CAMBRIDGE.
St. Paul's.	Berkshire.	WALTHAM.
	Pilgrim.	

A petition, signed by Jeremiah Stone, Joseph P. Johnson, Lauren Young, Charles Young, J. E. Bowley, George T. Wyer, Ebenezer T. Atwood, Warner Newcomb, Joshua F. Tobey, and James E. Rich, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Provincetown, to be called Joseph Warren Chapter, was presented, and referred to a committee consisting of M.E. Companions Solon Thornton, John W. Dadmun, and Samuel B. Spooner.

This committee submitted the following report, which was read and accepted: —

IN GRAND CHAPTER, BOSTON, June 8, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Stone and nine other Companions of Provincetown, for a Dispensation to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at that place, respectfully report that they have given the petition such consideration as its importance demands, and finding that the requirements of this Grand Chapter have been complied with by the petitioners, recommend that the petition be granted as prayed for.

Solon Thornton.

John W. Dadmun.

Samuel B. Spooner.

A petition from a competent number of Royal Arch Masons of Leominster, and also a petition from Royal Arch Masons of Clinton, praying for leave to open and hold Chapters in their respective towns, were presented, and referred to M.E. Companions James Kimball, John McClellan, and Joseph B. Knox. This committee subsequently reported progress, and was granted further time, at their request.

On motion of M.E. Companion Pope, it was *Voted*, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted to the widow of Companion Augustine W. Stephen, as a charitable donation.

M.E. James Kimball submitted the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter:—

To amend Article 2d by striking out September in the sixth line, and inserting December, so that it will read "of which the Convocation in December shall be the Annual Convocation."

Also in Article 7th, to strike out September in the second line, and insert December, to conform to Article 2d.

The foregoing proposition, according to the rules, lays over until the next Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the subordinate Chapters of the proposed amendments.

M.E. John McClellan presented a Commission from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee, appointing him to represent the Grand Chapter aforesaid in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and a request for the appointment of the M.E. John McClelland, Past Grand High Priest of Tennessee, to a similar office in this Grand Chapter. This matter was referred to a committee consisting of M.E. Companions A. A. Dame, Jas. Kimball, and A. F. Chapman, to consider and report.

M.E. Companion A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, reported progress, and the committee was granted further time.

The M.E. Grand High Priest stated that he had officially visited nearly thirty out of the forty-three Chapters in the State since his election in October last. He had hoped to have visited more before this Quarterly Convocation

of the Grand Chapter, but had met with some hindrances, one of which was a disinclination on the part of some Chapters to call special meetings, or to receive a visit at the time requested. He had endeavored, when in a particular part of the State, to visit such Chapters in the vicinity as he could, if they were ready to receive a visit. In a few cases they had not been, and his plans were somewhat disconcerted; and a few Chapters had not been visited that otherwise would have been. He also made the following statement: "On the 18th of March, in company with the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the 3d Veil, Grand Chaplain, Past Grand High Priest Kimball, and Past Grand King Crafts, visited Mount Holyoke Chapter, Holyoke, having previously notified the High Priest thereof, M.E. Companion Nathaniel W. Quint, to call a meeting of his Chapter to receive such visit. arriving at the place of meeting, we found High Priest Quint absent, indications afterwards making it pretty evident that he was purposely so. It seemed quite evident that something was wrong there; and after the Chapter had been opened, and while inquiries were being made about the condition of things, I learned that Companion Quint was or had been in the ante-room listening, and therefore sent a Companion to him, with the request that he would present himself. This he declined to do, and I then sent him, by the hand of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, a written summons to appear; but as he had then disappeared and was not found, I called off the Chapter till the next morning at 9 o'clock, and caused a written summons to be served on him to meet us at that But he declined to appear; and after consultation, I

felt it to be my duty, in which every officer and past officer of the Grand Chapter present fully concurred, to suspend Companion Quint from office for this contempt of the Grand Chapter. I did this with much reluctance, and appointed a committee of the Grand Officers to investigate further into the affairs of this Chapter. This committee has reported to me, and their report represents that the Chapter does not sustain Companion Quint in his action, and regrets that he should take such a course. The Chapter, therefore, seems exonerated from blame in this matter. Some difficulties also that have hindered the progress of this Chapter, it is thought, are in a way of being healed, and I think no action is now necessary in relation to the Chapter.

I state the facts briefly, and it is for you to say whether you approve my action in relation to Companion Quint."

The foregoing communication from the M.E. Grand High Priest was approved without a dissenting voice.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest.

THOS. WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

#### STATED CONVOCATION,

#### SEPTEMBER 7, 1869.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, September 7, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

#### PRESENT.

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING					Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN					Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EBENEZER W. TOLMAN					
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS .					Grand Scribe.
Z. H. THOMAS, Jr					Grand Captain of the Host.
					Grand Principal Sojourner, pro tem.
					Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Peter C. Jones					
THOMAS WATERMAN					Grand Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson, Rev. John W. Dadmun,					Grand Chaplains.
EBEN F. GAY					
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS					Grand Lecturer.
GEORGE H. PIKE					Grand Tyler.
P	ER	M.A.I	NE	УT	Members.

RICHARD BRIGGS.	JAMES KIMBALL.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
CHARLES A. WELCH.	A. A. DAME.	Wyzeman Marshall.
RUFUS S. POPE.	SAMUEL MILLARD.	WILLIAM W. BAKER.
	John McClellan.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's.	MOUNT HOREB.	WALTHAM.
Washington.	ORIENT.	MOUNT VERNON.
Adoniram.	BERKSHIRE.	Corinthian.
Morning Star.	WAVERLY.	St. Stephen's.
Sr. Paul's.	Concord.	MENOTOMY.
Worcester.	Cambridge.	CHAPTER OF THE SIGNET.
Mount Lebanon.		Joseph Warren.

A petition, signed by J. K. Baker, Jr., N. D. Kelley, O. C. Baker, N. B. Snow, Charles H. Kelley, Erastus Chase, Abiather Doane, Wm. H. Lewis, Abner L. Ellis, and Watson B. Kelley, was presented, praying for leave to organize a Chapter at West Harwich, to be named Henry Chickering Royal Arch Chapter. This petition was referred to M.E. Companions John McClellan, Wm. Parkman, and Daniel Upton. This committee subsequently reported that they had duly considered the subject referred to them, and requested further time, which was granted.

A petition from A. B. Underwood, Cephas Brigham, Geo. E. Bridges, B. F. Brown, William R. Wilson, Horatio F. Allen, John M. Griswold, John M. Greenwood, James B. Fuller, Simon W. Card, S. A. Walker, Joseph Barney, I. B. Lovett, H. O. Martin, Horatio B. Hackett, Jr., B. F. Tyler, Asahel Wheeler, Sullivan D. Hill, D. S. Simpson, E. Paddock, F. Lyman Winship, George B. Fiske, John B. Goodrich, John G. Thompson, Jr., William L. Libbey, John L. Roberts, Chester H. Graves, H. C. Hayden, G. D. Gilman, George N. Noyes, H. W. Smith, E. D. Winslow, and Allen Jordan, was presented, praying for a Dispensation to open and hold a Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Newton, in the county of Middlesex, by the name of Newton Royal Arch Chapter. This petition was referred to M.E. Companions Charles A. Welch, Charles Harris, and Frederick This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and accepted: -

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Companions for the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be located at Newton, have conferred with the parties interested, and respectfully report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

CHARLES A. WELCH.
CHARLES HARRIS.
FREDERICK FRYE.

- M.E. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, reported in part, and requested further time, which was granted. Additional communications were received from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and referred to the same committee.
- M.E. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred a communication of Tennessee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted:—

IN GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, September 7, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the expediency of appointing Companions members of other Grand Chapters of the United States, to represent this Grand Chapter in their several State Grand Chapters, have considered the matter, and respectfully report that it has been the usage of the several State Grand Chapters to send a printed copy of their doings from year to year to their sister Grand Chapters; and inasmuch as all the State Grand Chapters are subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, your committee do not think it wise to appoint representatives members of other State Grand Chapters to represent this Grand Chapter in said Grand Chapters.

ABRAHAM A. DAME.

JAMES KIMBALL.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing report be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

M.E. James Kimball, in behalf of the committee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted:—

IN GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, September 7, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the petitions from Companions in the towns of Clinton and Leominster for Dispensations to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in each of these towns, have attended to the duties assigned them, and do now make their report, that, in the best judgment of your committee, there has been submitted to us sufficient evidence to satisfy us that we should report in favor of the granting of a Dispensation to the Companions at Clinton for opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and we therefore recommend that the Grand High Priest be authorized to issue such Dispensation, when the requirements of the Grand Chapter have been complied with.

Your committee would further recommend that the Companions at Leominster have leave to withdraw their petition.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

James Kimball.
John McClellan.
J. B. Knox.

The following alterations of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, proposed at the last Convocation, were taken up and unanimously adopted:—

Amend Article 2d by striking out the word September in the sixth line, and inserting December, so that it will read, of which the Convocation in December shall be the Annual Convocation.

Also in Article 7th, to strike out September in the second line, and insert December, to conform to Article 2d.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward blank returns to all the Chapters under the jurisdiction.

The following Address was delivered by the M.E. Grand High Priest: —

#### COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, -

At your last Annual Convocation, you saw fit to honor me with the office I now occupy, and which I accepted with many misgivings as to my ability to do it and you justice, but yet with a determination to discharge the duties to the best of my ability, and to do all in my power to promote the interests and welfare of the Fraternity. And now, although it has not been usual, of late years, if ever, for the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter to deliver an Annual Address or Report, yet there seems to my mind so many reasons why it may at least be appropriate that I should render an account of my stewardship, that I trust you will pardon the innovation, if such it seems.

And first of all, let us render thanks to the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe for his kind and overruling providence which has spared our lives, warded off from our borders "the pestilence that walketh in darkness," and "the destruction that wasteth at noon-day," that has given us such abundant prosperity, and permitted us again to meet around this altar in health, while peace and harmony prevail throughout all our jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest may reasonably be supposed to possess a better knowledge of the condition of the Fraternity in the various parts of the State than many others, and it seems proper that he should lay before the Grand Chapter such information as he may have. His position also gives him an opportunity to observe any imperfections in the working of our system, to judge what might be improved or changed for the better; and he should make such suggestions as his experience and observation may have presented to his mind.

In the very outset, I find myself embarrassed, however, for want of any official statistical information, except such as is too old to answer our purpose. The year closing, as it does, on the last of August, and our Annual Convocation coming so early in

September, there is no time to get in returns before it occurs. The only returns to which I can have access are those for the year closing before my term of office commenced. I have not one for any portion of my official year. If the Annual Convocation was held in December, instead of September, in accordance with a proposition now before you to amend the Constitution, the returns could then be got in, and an exhibit of the condition and work of the subordinates for the greater part of the year could be given at the Annual Convocation, while now it is all a year behind. As the election of officers in the Grand Lodge and the exemplification of the work in both Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge occur in December, they call out a much larger and fuller representation, and it would seem, on many accounts, to be the best time for the Annual Convocation.

I find also a serious difficulty in not having the address of the officers of the subordinate Chapters. It often happens that I wish to open a correspondence with a Chapter, or its officers, and there is no list to refer to that is not a year or more old. I would suggest the propriety of taking some action by which the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary should both be furnished a list of the elected officers in each subordinate Chapter, whenever a change takes place.

I had hoped, when elected in October last, to visit during the year every subordinate Chapter in the State, that I might personally know their condition. I have made an earnest effort to do so; but our last annual election having been delayed in consequence of the General Grand Chapter meeting, a month was lost then, and as but few of the Chapters meet during the summer months, I have really had but eight or nine months in which to accomplish it. In a few cases, also, it has not been convenient for Chapters to meet my appointments, so that a few that were on my list have for this reason been passed. But for the hope, until it was too late, that I should be able to visit all, I should have endeavored to arrange so that they should have been visited by some one of the Grand Officers or by some competent Companion.

I believe, however, that all, or very nearly all, which had not received official visits within a comparatively short time, have now been visited.

I have personally visited thirty of the subordinates, in most cases accompanied by the Deputy Grand High Priest and other of the Grand Officers, to all of whom I am much indebted for their companionship and assistance. In addition to these, some two or three, possibly more, have been made by M.E. Companion Chapman, Deputy Grand High Priest, and one by E. Companion Chas. H. Norris, Grand Scribe.

I am satisfied that these visits of the Grand Officers are productive of much good, awakening a new interest, encouraging the Officers and Companions, and promoting uniformity and excellence of work, and I think the custom should be continued. In all these visits (with perhaps one exception) I have witnessed work, and with few exceptions have found the Chapters in good condition, and the work well rendered. I have been agreeably disappointed in finding such general uniformity and proficiency, and I think this Grand Chapter may well be congratulated upon the great improvement made under our present system of Grand Lecturers and annual exemplification of the work. few Chapters still need instruction and practice, and one or two are quite deficient, in most of them the work is good. Where all are doing so well, it may seem invidious to particularize; but I cannot forbear to speak of the accurate, and what I deem of even more importance, the effective rendering of the work in Cambridge Chapter, Cambridge; Waverly, Melrose; Northampton, Northampton; Waltham, Waltham; and if last, not least, the eldest sister, St. Andrew's, Boston.

In all my visits, I have been received as your representative with that fraternal hospitality for which the Royal Craft is distinguished; and what more need be said?

The general condition of the Fraternity in the State, as indicated by these Chapters visited, and from all I hear, is excellent. The amount of work doing, though perhaps not quite as great as

in some former years, is abundant, and, so far as I can judge, the material good. A good degree of interest is felt, and peace, harmony, and good will every where prevail. The only matter that has occurred seeming to demand the interference of the Grand High Priest was that at Holyoke, reported to, and acted upon by you at the last Quarterly Convocation. One case of individual grievance has been presented to me, the facts in regard to which I have not been able to satisfy myself about, my written inquiries having failed to elicit answers.

On the 29th of October, I consecrated Webster Chapter, at Webster, and installed its officers. I regret to say that I have heard nothing from this Chapter since, though I have twice written to its Secretary.

January 29th, I consecrated Chapter of the Signet, at Charlestown, and installed its officers in the presence of a large number of Companions and masonic brethren and their ladies. The number of charter members of this Chapter was fifty-two, and from the time of its receiving its Dispensation it has done a large amount of work, and bids fair soon to become one of the largest, as it is now one of the most flourishing Chapters in the State. On this occasion I was honored, besides the company of most of the Grand Officers, with that of several of your Past Grand High Priests and other distinguished officers, and also with that of M.E. Comp. Martin Collins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, and present General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who was pleased to speak in high terms of our ceremonies.

June 9th, I consecrated Natick Chapter, at Natick, and installed its officers. This Chapter exhibits a commendable zeal and efficiency, and I doubt not will give a good account of herself.

On the 30th of December, I installed the officers of Orient Chapter, at West Harwich (this body meets alternately at Hyannis and West Harwich), in the presence of a large number of Companions and masonic brethren and their ladies, and on the 14th of January, those of Washington Chapter, Salem. In each of

these cases the halls were crowded to repletion, and the ceremonies listened to with almost breathless attention. I have also, in a more private way, installed the officers of several other Chapters.

In all these consecrations and most of the installations, I have been ably assisted by M.E. Comp. A. F. Chapman, Deputy Grand High Priest, and other officers of the Grand Chapter.

Dispensations have been granted in two or three cases for the election of officers, and in one case to act upon an application for degrees in less than the usual time.

Two Chapters are now working under Dispensations granted during the year, viz.: — Samoset, at Plymouth, which is in an exceedingly flourishing condition; and Joseph Warren, at Provincetown, of which I have no special information. Applications were also made at our last Quarterly Convocation for Chapters at Clinton and Leominster, and referred to a committee, who will doubtless report this evening.

The correspondence connected with the duties of this office is no inconsiderable item. I have, during the eleven months of my official term, written one hundred and twenty letters.

Thus I have endeavored to give you briefly a general statement of the condition of the Fraternity in this State at the present time, and an account of my official acts, which I trust will meet your approval. May the Supreme Grand High Priest crown the coming year with his goodness and mercy, as in the year past.

Fraternally,

HENRY CHICKERING, Grand High Priest.

#### ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

#### **DECEMBER 7, 1869.**

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, December 7, A.D. 1869, R.A.M. 2399.

#### PRESENT.

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING					Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN					Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DAVID W. CRAFTS					Grand Scribe, pro tem.
Z. Н. Тиомая, Jr					Grand Captain of the Host.
DANIEL UPTON			• .		Grand Principal Sojourner, pro tem.
Peter C. Jones					Grand Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN					Grand Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson, Rev. John W. Dadmun,					Grand Chaplains.
EBEN F. GAY					Grand Steward.
GEORGE H. PIKE					Grand Tyler.
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#### PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Solon Thornton.	E. W. TOLMAN.	RUFUS S. POPE.
JOHN McCLELLAN.	SAMUEL MILLARD.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
A. A. DAME.	JOHN K. HALL.	LYMAN B. MESTON.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Convocation were read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: -

St. Andrew's.	SAINT JOHN'S.	Sutton.
King Cyrus.	ORIENT	Cambridge.
ADONIRAM.	Berkshire.	WALTHAM.
MORNING STAR.	King Solomon's.	MOUNT VERNON.
St. Paul's.	Pilgrim.	MOUNT HOLYOKE.
Worcester.	WAVERLY.	CORINTHIAN.
MOUNT LEBANON.	St. Matthew's.	St. Stephen's.
NORTHAMPTON.	Hampden.	WEBSTER.
MOUNT HOREB.	Mystic.	NEWTON.
	CONCORD.	

A petition was presented by C. C. Bixby, B. Sanford, Jr., Francis M. French, E. H. Reynolds, Loring W. Puffer, F. B. Washburn, David S. Packard, F. A. Thayer, Samuel B. Hinkley, L. B. Howard, Alfred Laws, Rufus E. Brett, Allen Crocker, Jonas R. Perkins, P. F. Hollywood, F. M. Sylvester, E. I. Packard, W. S. Gurney, J. H. Cooper, Henry A. Rutt, E. E. Dean, E. W. Morse, W. W. Cross, B. R. Clapp, and I. D. Mitchell, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of North Bridgewater, to be called Satucket Royal Arch Chapter. This petition was referred to M.E. Companions Thornton, Davis, and Robinson. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted:—

IN GRAND CHAPTER, December 7, 1869.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of C. C. Bixby and twenty-four other Companions, for a Dispensation for a new Chapter to be located at North Bridgewater, and called Satucket Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLON THORNTON.
WILLIAM H. DAVIS.
GEO. ROBINSON.

M.E. William Parkman, presented the following report, which was read and accepted: —

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. K. Baker, Jr., and others, for a Dispensation for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be located at Harwich, and known as Sylvester Baxter Royal Arch Chapter, have duly considered the subject,

and would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

JOHN McClellan. WILLIAM PARKMAN. DANIEL UPTON.

Boston, December 8, 1869.

M.E. A. A. Dame, in behalf of the committee to whom were referred the communications from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, reported progress, and the committee was granted further time.

Voted, That the Council of the Grand Chapter, with the Treasurer and Secretary, be constituted a committee to print a new edition of the Constitution and the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the past year.

M.E. John K. Hall presented a commission from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, appointing him to represent the Grand Chapter aforesaid, in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. This matter was referred to M.E. Companions Richard Briggs, William Parkman, and Rev. John P. Robinson.

Voted, That the Dispensation to Samoset Chapter be extended during the pleasure of the M.E. Grand High Priest.

On motion of M.E. A. A. Dame, it was *Voted*, That hereafter all proxies from the officers of subordinate Chapters shall conform to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Rev. Companion Dadmun, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: —

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, as a member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, hereby formally and fraternally recognizes the Grand Chapter of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, and most cordially welcomes her into the great family of Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

The following communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests:—

Boston, December 7, 1869.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

The following Companions have received the order of High Priesthood during the past year, as conferred in the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, viz:

Fred. G. Walbridge, of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; John C. Blasdell, of Monotomy Chapter, Arlington; Enoch G. Currier, of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport; Frederick Frye, of Mount Horeb Chapter, Lowell; George E. Stacy, of Mount Lebanon Chapter, Milford; Israel S. Lee, of Washington Chapter, Salem; Libbeus Scott, of Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield; William H. Davis, of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; Joseph B. Knox, of Worcester Chapter, Worcester; Burleigh Morse, of Houghton Chapter, Marlborough.

Respectfully and fraternally,

Solon Thornton,

Secretary.

On motion of M.E. Companion E. W. Tolman, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to M.E. A. F. Chapman and his associates, for the very able and satisfactory manner in which they have this day exemplified the work of the several degrees.

The following Address was delivered by the M.E. Grand High Priest: —

Companions, -

As we gather again in Annual Convocation, with so full and general a representation of the subordinate Chapters of the juris-

diction, surrounded by so many and such rich blessings, and in the enjoyment of so much health and prosperity, let us not forget that for all these our earnest thanks are due to the Supreme Grand High Priest, or be so ungrateful therefor as not to send up from our hearts, as well as from our consecrated altars, a sincere tribute of praise and thanksgiving. I can but congratulate you upon the prosperity and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

At our Convocation in September last, I gave you a somewhat detailed statement of my official acts to that time, which I need not repeat; but as at that Convocation the time of the annual meeting was changed to December, it may be well, in order to make the record of our year's proceedings complete, that I should give you some account of those of the last three months.

At the September Convocation, there were in the jurisdiction forty-three chartered Chapters and one under Dispensation. these, I have personally visited ten since our last Convocation, and thirty-six different ones since my election to the office. the remainder, members of the Council have visited several, so that I believe there are but three Chapters in the jurisdiction that have not received an official visit since our last Annual Convocation, and only inability to command the time has prevented these being visited. They will undoubtedly receive the early attention of the officers who may be elected at this Convocation. of what I have seen, I can speak with confidence and of my own knowledge when I say that, almost without exception, the Chapters are in a flourishing condition, harmonious and prosperous. Most of them are following the prescribed ritual with a good degree of accuracy, and those that are deficient are showing a commendable degree of interest in perfecting themselves. or three Chapters where clouds have obscured their horizon, they have been dispelled, and the prospect before them is fair and bright, and we close the year with an almost cloudless sky.

At the September Convocation, Dispensations were recommended for new Chapters at Newton and at Clinton. On the 15th of that month, I signed Dispensations for each of these, and they have commenced their labors with good prospects.

On the 29th of September, I had the honor, by invitation of its committee, of attending the centennial anniversary of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter. This anniversary makes an important period in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, and also in the country, and for this reason I speak of it. As this was the first Chapter organized in this State, or in the United States, it may be considered as the parent of this branch of the Masonic Order in this country, and now, after a full century of honorable existence, its head hoary with the winters of a hundred years, with its children numbered by hundreds, it appears as fresh and vigorous as the youngest of the sisterhood of Chapters. All honor to her and her eventful history. membership bears the names of many of the brightest ornaments of our Fraternity, and of our noble old Commonwealth. names as GEN. JOSEPH WARREN, COL. PAUL REVERE, and many others that might be mentioned, are an honor to any institution, and the long list of worthies, eminent in State and Nation, as well as in Masonry, is one upon which the members of this Chapter may well look with justifiable satisfaction and pride. This celebration, in its inception, arrangement, and carrying out, was, without exception, the most complete and successful in which I have ever participated, and reflects much credit upon the committee who had it in charge, and upon its High Priest, your present Deputy Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. A. F. Chap-Among the invited guests present were M.E. Comps. man. James M. Austin, of New York, and Robert S. Bruns, of South Carolina, General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, also the High Priests of several State Grand Chapters.

I have approved release of jurisdiction for conferring Degrees upon three individuals, one, of Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, to Mount Vernon Chapter, Portland, Maine, and one of St. Mark's Chapter, Taunton, and another of Worcester Chapter, Worcester, to Providence Chapter, Providence, Rhode Island, the circumstances seeming to fully justify it, and the Chapters most interested have freely given their consent.

On the 27th of November, I gave Dispensation to Orient Chapter, Hyannis, to confer the degrees in a case of emergency, without waiting the usual time.

Dispensations have been granted to elect officers in three or four cases where vacancies existed, or where for special reasons the election could not take place at the regular time. And in this connection I would remark that I find one or two Chapters have a provision in their By-Laws for the filling of vacancies in elective offices at any time without Dispensation, and one at least has one authorizing the removal of an appointed officer, and the appointment of another in his place at any time. As I understand it, this is not according to masonic usage, at least in this jurisdiction. In a report made to the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth by William S. Gardner, (now M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, December 13, 1866,) this subject is ably argued, and the conclusion arrived at that - I quote from the words of the report - "A vacancy can only occur by death, or by the act of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, and can only be filled by Dispensation." Further on it says, - "The Lodge itself has no control over it, and cannot hold an election save by virtue of such Dispensation." [See report, page 44, Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1866, where the subject is discussed at some length.] Such has also been the decision of other competent authorities in this State, among whom I may mention Past Grand High Priest Charles W. Moore. It is for you to say whether any action shall be taken on this subject.

Returns from thirty-four Chapters for the year ending September 1st show a membership of 4,509; exaltations, 478. I regret to say that, notwithstanding three months have elapsed since the year closed, and the Chapters have all been notified to make their returns, ten have thus far failed to do so, and among them

are some of our best Chapters. I am at a loss to account for this neglect. Fearing that some might construe the change of time of the Annual Convocation as changing the time for making returns, I caused notice to be sent to each Chapter, with blanks for returns, that this was not the case, and requesting prompt returns. If the Constitution is not sufficiently explicit on this point, I would recommend that it be so amended as to make it imperative that the Chapters make their annual returns for the year ending August 31st, at least within the month of September, so that we may have full statistics for the Annual Meeting. This was one object of changing the time of the Annual Convocation. Let us not lose this advantage.

Taking the membership of these Chapters not reporting at what was returned the previous year, viz., 753, and adding to those reporting, it gives a total membership of 5,262. But I am confident, from my knowledge of what has been done in these Chapters, that the total membership cannot be less than 5,350, and the exaltations for the year not less than 550, showing somewhat less work than the previous year, when the exaltations were 619, but quite enough to show a healthy and prosperous condition.

The financial condition, with the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter, will be shown by the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee of Finance. The item of expense of Grand Officers in visiting the Chapters, it will be seen, is larger than for two or three previous years, as it necessarily must have been with so thorough a visitation as has been made. But I believe the benefits accruing are sufficient to abundantly compensate, and that it is money well expended. If not, the time I have given to it is worse than lost. After such a general visitation the last year, I think a greater division of this labor among the members of the Council can be made the coming year without disadvantage, and at less expense.

Some idea of the labor of correspondence in connection with this office can be formed, when I tell you that I have written not less than one hundred and seventy-five letters in connection with it since I entered upon its duties.

Hoping that the fires may burn as brightly about our altars in the year to come as in the past one, and that an equal degree of harmony may prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that prosperity may continue to attend us, I am

Very Fraternally,

By the books of the Tressurer which your Committee

HENRY CHICKERING,

Grand High Priest.

M.E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted:—

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past fifteen months, submit the following report:—

find correct, it appears that the balance of cash in his	
hands at the commencement of the year was \$1,168.90	
He has received for dues from Chapters \$1,075.00	•
For Dispensations	
For Interest on Investments	
For returned donation	
4,910.90	j
\$6,079.9:  His disbursements have been as follows:—	2
Printing \$716.82	
Banquets	
Regalia	
Insurance 7.50	
Drawing Charters	
Rent and Gas	
Charity	
Expense of Grand Officers in visiting Chapters, including	
that of the General Grand Chapter in St. Louis, in Sep-	
tember, 1868,	
Sundry bills, including Secretary and Tyler's fees 187.82 4,046.80	3
Leaving a balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer of \$2,033.0	3

1 Bond of the City of Boston .							\$1,000.00
6 " " Grand Lodge .							1,800.00
2 shares First National Bank .							200.00
7 ,, Eliot ,, ,, .							700.00
6 ,, Bank of North America				-			600.00
Cash in hands of the Treasurer							2,033.06
							\$6,333.06

The committee recommend the payment of seventy-five dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

John McClellan. John K. Hall.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. A committee was appointed to collect, assort, and count the votes, when the following Grand Officers were unanimously elected:—

HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield				Grand High Priest.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston .				Deputy Grand High Priest.
FREDERICK A. PIERCE, Boston				Grand King.
THOMAS WINSHIP, Melrose				Grand Scribe.
PETER C. JONES, Boston				Grand Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston .		٠.		Grand Secretary.

The officers elected as above were duly installed, and the following appointments announced by the M.E. Grand High Priest:—

Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., Cambridgeport .				Grand Captain of the Host.
JOSEPH K. BAKER, Jr., Dennisport .				Grand Principal Sojourner.
SAMUEL B. THAXTER, Abington				Grand Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM H. MURRAY, Pittsfield				Grand Master Third Veil.
DAVID B. TENNEY, Haverhill				Grand Master Second Veil.
GEORGE E. STACY, Milford				
Rev. John P. Robinson, Boston, Rev. St. John Chambre, Stoughton,	)			
Rev. St. John Chambre, Stoughton,	}			Grand Chaplains.
Rev. John W. Dadmun, Winthrop,	•			•
EBEN F. GAY, Boston,				Grand Stowards
EBEN F. GAY, Boston, FRANK E. JONES, Boston,	•	•	•	Grand Stewards.

Marlborough Williams, Boston Grand Lecturer.
John McClellan, )
Solon Thornton, \ Committee of Finance.
JOHN K. HALL,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
WILLIAM PARKMAN, CHARLES HARRIS, CHARLES J. DANFORTH,
Charles J. Danforth,
George H. Pike Grand Tyler.

Such of the appointed officers as were present were duly installed, the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host, and the Grand Chapter closed in Ample Form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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# To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

YOUR COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE would most respectfully submit the following report for your consideration:—

We have examined the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, some of them containing three hundred closely printed pages. If we should reprint all the good things we have read in these reports, I am afraid your patience would be exhausted, and that this report would receive but a passing notice. We shall therefore study brevity, and yet give you some idea of the condition of the Royal Craft throughout our beloved Fraternity.

The Grand Chapters whose proceedings have come into our hands, and the time of their Annual Convocations, are as follows:—

Alabama Dec.	1868	Mississippi	Jan 1869
Canada Aug.	1869	Missouri	Oct 1868
Connecticut May	1869	Michigan	Jan 1869
Delaware Jan.	1869	Minnesota	Oct 1868
Dist. of Columbia Nov.	1868	New York	Feb 1869
Florida Jan.	. 1868, '69	Nebraska	June 1868
Iowa Oct.	1868	New Jersey	Sept 1868
Indiana Oct.	1868	Ohio	Oct 1868
Illinois Oct.	1868	South Carolina .	Feb 1869
Kansas Oct.	1868	Tennessee	Sept 1869
Kentucky Oct.	1869	Vermont	Oct 1868
Louisiana Feb.	1869	Virginia	Dec 1868
Maine May	1869	Wisconsin	Feb 1869
Maryland Nov.	1869		

## ALABAMA.

The forty-second Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held at Montgomery, December 8, 1868, M.E. Peleg Brown, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-three Chapters represented.

Uniformity of work is the motto of this Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest, Comp. Brown, is well qualified to push this matter to a successful issue. In his very excellent address he says:—

"I fear we are exalting too rapidly without the necessary instruction, and I am fully of opinion that candidates for the degrees in the Chapter should be required to make similar proficiency to that required by the Grand Lodge; and that before a Dispensation is granted to constitute a new Chapter, the same evidence should be required as to qualifications. If this rule is strictly observed, uniformity of work would soon obtain throughout our jurisdiction, and the recipients of our mysteries be better qualified to appreciate the merits of our Order."

He very kindly, and yet pointedly and justly, as we believe, rebukes those aspirants among us for side degrees:—

"Among the immense mass of masonic literature now being published, and the strong desire for the accumulation of side degrees, now named as 'Rites,' I fear there is much that is calculated to injure and interfere with the teachings of our ancient Order and bring it into disrepute; and many who profess great proficiency in these side, or what are sometimes called higher degrees, can scarcely make themselves known as Ancient Craft Masons."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. P. J. Pillans. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included. The report is terse and racy, breathing the right spirit, and evincing a thorough knowledge of masonic jurisprudence. He closes by saying:—

"And, now, Companions, we have finished this our journey through other jurisdictions. It has been one of pleasure, for wherever we went, we felt sure that we would meet with friendly greetings, and such has been our experience. But at times we have been seriously grieved, for we have seen our Companions sometimes straitened for means, and mourning over the distress surrounding them; and again we have met many green mounds where the grass is fresh with the watering of tears. 'Monuments to the loved and lost, mile-stone's in life's journey, on which the inscription 'passing away' ad-

monishes us 'to work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.' From the records of most of our sister jurisdictions we gather the names of those who have gone to swell the innumerable multitude which throng the silent halls of the great necropolis. Their footprints are fast being covered by the drifting dust, and the places which knew them will know them no more forever.'

Then let us, companions, so live that when we shall be called to 'that bourne whence no traveler returns,' the G. A. O. T. U. may receive us as living stones fit for the building 'not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

Comp. Peleg Brown, of Mobile, was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

#### CANADA.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, was held at Kingston, Ont., Tuesday, August 10, 1869, M.E. Comp. T. Wilson, P. G. Z., presiding, with twenty-nine Chapters represented, including four under Dispensation.

M.E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., being necessarily absent, his address was read by the Grand Scribe E. The address is dignified, and truly masonic in spirit. He thus speaks of the state of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction:—

"I feel sincere pleasure in addressing you again; I regret sincerely that I cannot do so in person. I have not a great deal to say to you, for during the masonic year just expired, as far as I know, harmony has prevailed, and I can but repeat my declaration made at our last Annual Convocation, that my work has been easy, and my labor light. Our subordinate Chapters are healthy and prosperous, and there is a steady, satisfactory increase in our numbers and material."

We commend the following as truly fraternal: -

"I hope we shall become finally one sovereign Body, ruling over Capitular Masonry throughout this dominion. Nevertheless, we must not shut our eyes to the fact, that as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have each its Grand Lodge, so the companions there may deem it more advantageous to establish their own Grand Chapters, and, if so, we must be prepared to give them our cordial recognition; extend at once the right hand of fellowship, and aid and assist them by every means in our power."

He made the following request: -

"I beg to report to Grand Chapter that the Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of England, and Wales, and Dependencies, Thirty-third degree, has appointed me its Representative for this Dominion, and that the order is now working satisfactorily, and extending itself, and I request Grand Chapter to add the Rite, thus legitimately constituted, to the already recognized degrees, as defined in the Book of Constitutions, under the head of 'Regalia.'"

The Executive Committee disposed of the request in the following manner: —

"With regard to the recognition of the thirty-third degree, your committee are of opinion that inasmuch as this Grand Chapter, or the degrees conferred under its authority, are not recognized by the A. and A. Rite, they recommend that until some satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at, the said Order be not recognized by the Grand Chapter."

The M.E. Grand Z. congratulated the Companions that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, has become a Freemason.

The M.E. Grand Z. granted Dispensations to five new Chapters, and Warrants were ordered for them at this Grand Convocation.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R.E. Comp. Henry Robertson. He reviews in a kind and fraternal spirit the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, ours included. In reviewing the proceedings of Louisiana, Comp. Robertson defends the Grand Chapter of Canada in the distinctive titles given to the first three officers:—

"With reference to the titles of the three principal officers of a Chapter, Comp. Horner is perfectly right in not attempting to argue that they are correct in placing the High Priest before the King. It will not be denied that they, as well as we, received the R. A. Degrees from England. And if Comp. Horner will search the ancient records, say those of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter, in Boston, which are complete as far back as 1769, we think he will find the system then pursued, as they received it, and as we have it now. We presume that the alteration made in the Holy R. A. Degree was by those notorious degree tinkers, Webb, Gleason, Fowle and Co., who flourished at the beginning of the present century in the United States. But Comp. Horner will not need to be reminded that even the 'approval of their wisest teachers, for half a century,' will not make the alteration any the less an innovation, or sanction their present usage as the observed one."

M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z., and R.E. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Grand Scribe E., which corresponds to our Grand Secretary.

#### CONNECTICUT

Comes to us in a neatly printed pamphlet of a hundred and fifty pages, showing that the Annual Convocation was held in New Haven, May 14, 1869, M.E. James L. Gould, Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-seven subordinates represented.

A Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Waterbury, October 13, 1868, to look after the Grand Treasurer, who had absconded with the funds of this Grand Chapter without even paying the outstanding bills against it. Comp. George Lee, of Hartford, was appointed Grand Treasurer, protem., and authorized to borrow an amount of money sufficient to meet the outstanding liabilities of the Grand Chapter. An additional assessment of one dollar for each exaltation during the year was laid upon the subordinate Chapters. We are exceedingly pained to be under the necessity of recording such an instance of embezzlement in a sister Grand Chapter, and we sincerely hope that Benjamin Beecher, the defaulting treasurer, will have manhood enough left in him to make full restitution.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted at the Annual Convocation: —

"Whereas, Our late Grand Treasurer, Benjamin Beecher, has embezzled the funds of this Grand Chapter, and has addressed a note to this Grand Body confessing such embezzlement, now therefore,

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Beecher be, and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, and that the Grand Secretary cause due notice of such expulsion to be given."

The Grand Chapter has lost by this defalcation \$1,722.02.

Comp. Gould's annual address is a well written, business-like document. He says of the state of the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction:—

"It is with continued satisfaction that I repeat the assurance of one year ago, that peace and harmony prevail throughout our portion of the masonic world, and that our subordinates, with one or two exceptions, are prospering beyond their most sanguine expectations."

Comp. Storer, chairman of the special committee on General Grand Chapter, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M.E. Grand High Priest as relates to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, beg leave to report, that having carefully examined the matter submitted to them, and fully agreeing with our M.E. Grand High Priest that 'Constitution tinkers' are apt to make themselves too busy for the general good, we earnestly hope this Grand Chapter will, as heretofore, strenuously resist any attempt to place the General Grand Chapter in a position in which it may be tempted to work for, and arrogate to itself more honor. In short, we think it is a good rule to 'let well enough alone,' and trust this Grand Chapter will express its disapprobation of either and all the amendments of the General Grand Constitution that were proposed at the late Triennial Convocation at St. Louis.

Your Committee would recommend to the Grand Chapter the adoption of the accompanying resolution:—

Resolved, As the sense of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut:

1st That the membership of the General Grand Chapter of the United States is sufficiently large, and we cannot give our consent to the proposition to make the past Grand High Priests of State Grand Chapters permanent members of that body.

- 2d. That the jurisdiction of the Past Master's degree is well enough where it is, and we are opposed to any change.
- 8d. That the less frequently the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution is 'tinkered,' the better it will be for all parties concerned."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by that veteran "Reporter," Comp. William Storer, who gives us in one hundred and fourteen pages a comprehensive review of twentynine Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

He commences his report with the following apology; but we must say that we doubt very much whether any of our Companions possess "a warmer heart or a more fraternal spirit" than still glows in the bosom of Comp. Storer:—

"In laying before our companions the results of our annual research, we are compelled to be peak their kind indulgence. We are not so young, by

almost a score of years, as when, in middle life, we first assumed the responsibilities of this position. We have grown gray in this service, and the infirmities of advancing age admonish us that it is time to retire, and leave the work to younger and more vigorous hands and clearer intellects. A warmer heart, and a more fraternal spirit, than that with which we originally engaged in this arduous work, will not probably be found in the bosom of any companion; and we feel confident that the same love for the time-honored institution of Freemasonry that has been our guiding star as we have journeyed up the rugged hill of life, will continue to animate us now that we pass down the declivity, and abide with us even when we reach the bottom and cross over to the 'shining shore.'

The work of a masonic reviewer has been to us a labor of love. We have spent many a pleasant hour in looking over the minutes of proceedings of corresponding Grand Bodies. We have wandered as it were in the richest and most beautiful flower-gardens, and inhaled their delicious perfumes; and we have taken pleasure, from time to time, in culling these flowers,—the growth of the sunny South as well as the products of the snow-clad hills of the North—the slow cultivation but steady vegetation of the rock-bound East, as well as the rank and almost spontaneous out-cropping of the fertile prairies of the West,—and intermingling them in a gorgeous bouquet, for presentation to our brethren and companions at home and abroad. And it has afforded as much gratification to witness so many evidences that our labor has not been altogether in vain, that our beloved companions have been in a good degree satisfied.

But all things earthly must come to an end; the fire of youth must eventually smoulder among the cooling embers of advancing years. The frosts of age will chill the youthful blood, resist the approach of winter as determinedly as we may. 'The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And so in truth we find it in our own personal experience."

Comp. Storer proposed with this report to withdraw from the reportorial corps, but his Grand Chapter "didn't see it." We shall hear from him again (D. V.).

M.E. John H. Barlow, of Birmingham, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE.

By authority of the General Grand High Priest, the four Chapters in the State of Delaware met in convention, at Dover, January 20, 1869, and formed a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the proceedings of which are before us. A constitution was adopted,

and the Grand Chapter of Delaware regularly organized by M.E. Comp. James M. Austin, G. G. High Priest of the G. G. Chapter of the United States. We extend to the Grand Chapter of Delaware a most cordial welcome.

Comp. Daniel C. Godwin, of Milford, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. Alfred T. A. Torbet, of Milford, Grand Secretary.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A pamphlet of about sixty pages brings to us the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. The Annual Convocation was held Nov. 9, 1868, M.E. J. E. F. Holmead, Grand High Priest, presiding, with five Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is written with much ability, and evinces the true masonic spirit. After showing the real position of this Grand Chapter, he says:—

"My companions, let us, nevertheless, forget not that the hour of triumph is also the hour of magnanimity; and as our contest has been simply and alone for great principles, and as we have no personal animosities to assuage, no personal wrongs to redress, and even if we had, let the past be buried deep in oblivion, and to-night let us offer the right hand of brotherly feeling and love to those with whom we have been contesting, and unite again the links of the golden chain, which should ever bind our hearts together as one heart in all the future.

And this we say and offer, with no holding back or mental reservation, but in all soberness and truthfulness, as if bathed in the very waters of a divine charity. Let us gather once again around our common altar, and with mingled hands kindle afresh those vestal fires which should ever, here when we meet, burn with a purity and brightness, — yea, a purity and brightness only eclipsed by the light which comes from the church of the everliving God."

The committee on the address of the Grand High Priest, after stating the anomalous position of the Potomac Chapter at Georgetown, as left by the action of the G.G. Chapter, and arguing briefly but kindly its absurdity, in which, by the way, nearly all the State Grand Chapters agree, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"Resolved, That the G. R. A. Chapter of the District of Columbia does hereby rescind all resolutions, orders, or edicts, heretofore adopted, made, or issued by said Grand Chapter, or any of its officers, suspending or expelling any companion or companions, on account of the difficulties growing out of the formation of said Grand Chapter, and also the edict declaring Potomac Chapter clandestine; and hereby declares all such Companions restored to their standing in this Grand Chapter as R. A. Masons.

Resolved, That while the Grand Chapter recognizes fully the well settled rule in masonic jurisprudence, that no Grand Body has any power over a subordinate body of a reviewal of the action of such subordinate, in relation to the discipline of its members, except on appeal; yet this Grand Chapter does not hesitate to recommend such action on the part of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction as will carry out in good faith the spirit and meaning of the resolutions of the G.G. Chapter, so far as the conduct of the Companions heretofore dealt with may be consistent with said resolutions since their adoption."

A resolution was then adopted holding out the olive branch of peace to the Potomac Chapter, which reads as follows:—

"Resolved, That for the purpose of manifesting the spirit of unity and fraternity on the part of this Grand Chapter, and to encourage it among the subordinate Chapters of this District, a special committee be appointed, to consist of the M.E. Grand High Priest and four other companions, to receive and consider any propositions that Potomac Chapter may make to become a constituent member of this Grand Chapter, and to report at the order of the Grand High Priest."

These resolutions, together with the noble, generous, and fraternal spirit pervading the Grand High Priest's Address, will receive the approbation and applause of all good Masons.

Massachusetts refrained from expressing any opinion in the premises until the G.G. Chapter had had an opportunity of investigating the subject; and now, without a dissenting voice, she cordially recognizes the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and most heartily welcomes her into the great family of Grand R. A. Chapters.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. J. Edwin Mason. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters, ours included. We should be glad to make several extracts from this brief and excellent report, but unless

we are a little cautious we shall violate the pledge given at the commencement of this Report.

M.E. B. B. French was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. N. D. Larner, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### FLORIDA.

We have received the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1868. This Grand Convocation was held at Tallahassee, January 13, D. G. H. Priest, William Morrill, presiding. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

We gather from the brief address of the M.E. Grand High Priest, Companion David Jones, that the Companions of Florida are still suffering from the devastations of war, and the ruinous poverty it has entailed upon the people. We trust a brighter day will soon dawn upon them.

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Since writing the above, we have received the proceedings of the Annual Convocation for 1869, which was held at Tallahassee, January 11, M.E. James Ellenwood, Grand High Priest. Ten subordinates were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered a brief but very excellent address.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted: -

"Whereas, The General Grand Chapter of the United States, waiving all matters heretofore in controversy relative to the organization of this Grand Chapter, thereby admitting the regularity of the same, has most cordially and fraternally invited this Grand Chapter to become a constituent member thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept such invitation in a true masonic spirit, and will hereafter bear allegiance and support to the said General Grand Chapter."

A page is appropriately devoted to the memory of M.E. Thomas Hayward, Past Grand High Priest, who died A.D. 1868.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of

Comp. D. C. Dawkins; and if any one wishes the great deep of his own heart thoroughly moved with fraternal and Christian sympathy, let him read the introduction:—

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally report, that it is an unavoidable matter of sore regret, that we find it impossible to engage in a close review of the printed proceedings of the various Grand Royal Arch Chapters now before us for inspection. But so it is, being personally reduced from affluence to want, like many of our fellow-beings around us. with a house full of loved and loving children to support and educate, under heavy financial incumbrances incurred upon the faith of our former, but now lost fortune, it has been and continues to be necessary for us to use every possible exertion to make even the most retarded onward progress up the 'rough and rugged' path of our temporal surroundings. The vain fashion of human pride usually prompts men in low estate to make even fictitious impressions upon the minds of others that they are individuals of financial importance, that credit and thereby success may accrue to them. But when it is known that, under the existing circumstances, we have devoted four months of incessant labor in reviewing Grand Lodge proceedings, and that we cannot possibly devote the time requisite for such a review of the Grand Chapter proceedings as would be a self-indication of proper fraternal respect for our beloved Companions in fraternal correspondence with us, we cannot, without doing violence to our own conscience, keep back from them the true reason for our shortcoming. Hence, in delicate confession we have rendered our apology, and will now proceed to acknowledge the reception of all Grand Chapter proceedings in our hands, with such brief notices as our limited time will justify."

The above is indeed a "delicate confession," but honest and out-spoken, and in our heart of hearts we sympathize with Comp. Dawkins, and all our Companions in that jurisdiction who are in similar circumstances.

Notwithstanding all, he has given us an excellent review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, which receives a very favorable and flattering notice.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Chickering, is particularly commended for its truly masonic spirit, "rising," as he says, "like the holy incense glowing and burning from the alter of the noble masonic soul."

M.E. De Witt C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., of Tallahassee, Grand Secretary.

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## ILLINOIS.

The nineteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Springfield, October 9, 1868, M.E. George W. Lininger, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ninety-four subordinates represented.

The state of Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction may be gathered from the following extract taken from the Grand High Priest's address:—

"The past year has been marked by an unparalleled, yet, it is believed, healthy growth of the Royal Craft. Great care has been exercised in granting dispensations, and in some cases, where the welfare of the Craft scemed to require it, applications have been refused.

Seventeen dispensations have issued, four of which have been granted by the Deputy, of which we shall hear from him. Four were continued from last year. There are, therefore, twenty-one Chapters now under dispensation, all of which I recommend to your fraternal consideration, should their reported records prove satisfactory."

We call special attention to the following very interesting paragraph:—

"Now, we have solemnly promised that we would redouble our endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of our Companions. We have promised to be good men and true, and strictly to obey the moral law. We have all promised to guard against intemperance and excess, and it is the especial duty of some of us to see that the Craft do not convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess. Notwithstanding these solemn pledges, it is a lamentable fact that the intemperate use of alcoholic drinks is the cause of more trouble to the Fraternity than all others combined. Now, while we may not dictate what a Mason shall eat, drink, or wear, we may insist that he be temperate in all things, or cease to be a Mason. Are we not early and constantly taught to make a proper division of our time and talents, and use all temperately? A case for my official decision was presented during the past year upon this same subject, the facts of which are, briefly, as follows: A railroad company (all honor to her managers) enjoined temperance on the part of her employees. An engineer, a Royal Arch Mason, was discharged for drunkenness by the foreman, a Mark Master, after repeatedly warning him that it must in duty be done if the drunkenness was not stopped. When the foreman asked promotion in the Chapter, the discharged engineer objected. I advised that charges be preferred against the Royal Arch Mason, and that if there was no other objections made, the Mark Master be advanced. Now, was this right? Are railroad companies to *lead* in moral questions, or will social and religious organizations stand up to *their* duty and exalted privileges in these matters?

Profanity is a growing vice in the land, against which all true Masons will guard with persistent effort. The good name of a brother is too often assailed by the tongue of a Mason. These things ought not so to be, Companions, and I most earnestly urge upon you at this time to take some decisive action, to the end that we do not retrograde, that we may show to the world without that, while we are willing to throw about the foibles of a brother the broad mantle of charity, yet are we so governed by immutable principles that wickedness and excess will ever receive our hearty rebuke."

Amen and amen. We would that the above extract might be read in all the Chapters throughout the United States.

The case herein cited deserves special notice, as it is another illustration of the position we have taken elsewhere, to wit, that no applicant for the degrees, after receiving a favorable ballot, should be stopped on the mere "expressed wishes" of a member. "When the foreman asked promotion in the Chapter, the discharged engineer objected." It was right and proper that the Chapter should know the grounds of his objection, and advance the candidate if the objection was not well founded. So it would have been if the foreman had not received the Mark degree, and the drunken engineer had objected, or called for a new ballot after he had been elected. If we do not take this position, there may be other cases where the Grand High Priest, or the High Priest of a Chapter, will have to exercise extra judicial power to vindicate the principles of Freemasonry.

Comp. Harman G. Reynolds reviews the proceedings of thirtyone Grand Chapters in a clear, concise, and fraternal manner. Massachusetts receives a *very* brief, but friendly notice.

In reviewing the proceedings of Iowa for 1867, and particularly the report of the committee, of which Comp. Guilbert was chairman, against a re-union of that Grand Chapter with the G.G. Chapter, he says:—

"How unlike the noble and magnanimous course pursued in Indiana. All the talk about the want of powers—about dissolution—about inherent powers, and despicable honors, is such as any town meeting orator might make. The report is haughty, insolent, impertinent, offensive, and generally

and particularly insulting to every Grand Chapter holding relations with the General Grand Body.

The General Grand Chapter has not outlived its usefulness. It is to-day the patron, promoter, and mother of Royal Arch Masonry in South America and Italy, and its name is potent on the Pacific coast and among the hosts of miners and delvers in the Rocky Mountains. Its honors are not despicable, but are well and worthily worn by such Past Grand High Priests as Austin, Burns, Hacker, Collins, McClellan, Titus, and Miner. They have been worn by such men as Mackey and Lewis, who have never held that the G.G. Chapter was a nonentity.

The plain facts as regards the Grand Chapter of Iowa, are these: -

She derives her existence from the General Grand Chapter; up to the time of her pretended secession, every Royal Arch Mason in Iowa was bound to the General Grand Body, and no condition of things could change that obligation, short of permission to withdraw, or a dissolution of the national body itself; and that obligation is binding upon every Royal Arch Mason in Iowa, either mediately or immediately, to-day. Those who have taken it can just as well and just as reasonably throw off and denounce any other covenant they have taken as that! And if the act is done with considerate reflection with regard to the covenant taken to the General Grand Chapter, then we are prepared for any surprise the Companions may have in store, which may suit their interest, caprice, or pleasure.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa is just as much a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter as she ever was; she has no power to secede; no right to secede; no reason to secede, and all her acts in regard to that matter are void, immoral, rebellious, and revolutionary.

The last place for Iowa is out in the cold! It is true that she can grumble, fret, and fume, but if that is what she wants to do, she can as well do so inside as out, and then, maybe, to some purpose. Staying out while she is really in, is to her own disadvantage every way.

But all other considerations sink out of sight alongside of the solemn allegiance voluntarily entered into, and which cannot be thrown off without the consent of the superior body. If the doctrine shamelessly put forth to the world be in any sense true, then a Lodge can shake itself clear of the Grand Lodge, and every Master Mason can as lawfully renounce his allegiance to his Lodge, and secede! Will the Iowa Companions stand in this position? Will they face the logical consequences that may follow? If their act of secession be valid, are they the Grand Chapter of Iowa? Have the Chapters thrown aside their charters and organized anew? Now, we submit this proposition to the conscience of every true and honorable Royal Arch Mason in Iowa: you owe allegiance by virtue of obligations you have or should have assumed to the General Grand Chapter. You who have taken them cannot rest easily under what you have done until it is undone, or you are lawfully absolved therefrom. There is conscience in Iowa, and this leaven will yet work."

M.E. James H. Miles, of Chicago, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, of Springfield, Grand Secretary.

## INDIANA.

The thirty-third Annual "Communication" (Convocation) of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Indiana was held at Fort Wayne, October 21, 1868, M.E. Thomas Newby, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-six Chapters, including eight under dispensation, represented.

The address of the G. H. Priest is comprehensive and practical. In the introduction he gives us the key-note to Capitular Masonry in that jurisdiction:—

"It is with emotions of the deepest gratitude to the great I AM, that I again greet you around this altar. Since we last gathered here, two abundant harvests have blessed the labors of the husbandmen, bringing with them plenty and prosperity to the people of this jurisdiction, and abundance for the relief of the widow and orphan, the aged and destitute. Peace continues to smile upon our land; the wounds inflicted by the demon of war are healing, and the rainbow of promise of the renewal of the ancient harmony is set in our sky. Especially has prosperity abounded in the household of faith. The bonds of fraternal union have been more strongly cemented. An unusual degree of harmony has prevailed.

There has been just enough opposition to remind us that we must be faithful in the discharge of our duties, and maintain the principles of our Institution, in their simplicity and purity. The attacks made upon us have merely served to show their own feebleness, and our security, as long as we remain intrenched within the ramparts of genuine Freemasonry. In fine, everything calls for congratulation upon the happy auspices under which we have assembled in Annual 'Communication.'"

Comp. William Hacker declined a re-election as Grand Secretary, and was appointed Custodian of the Work. A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was ordered for him as a token of the appreciation of his valuable services.

The resolutions of 1866, declaring certain work of a subordinate Chapter of Pennsylvania clandestine, were rescinded. We are heartily glad that this difficulty, between those two jurisdictions, is amicably settled.

A page is appropriately dedicated to the memory of Comp. Isaac Bartlett, Past Grand High Priest, who died September 9, 1867.

Comp. Newby presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which, by the way, we think is a little too much work to impose upon the Grand High Priest, although we doubt if any one could have done it much better. He gives us a comprehensive review of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, with a complimentary notice of Comp. Chickering's report for 1868. In relation to calling the meetings of the Grand Chapters Convocations instead of Communications, he says:—

"In reading the various transactions presented to us, we note that the meetings of the Grand Chapters are styled 'Convocations' by all the Grand Bodies save Pennsylvania and Indiana, who use the term 'Communication.'"

After showing, by the best authority, that Convocation is more appropriate, he concludes by saying: —

"On what authority our State uses the word 'Communication' we do not know, but to us the term 'Convocation' is more appropriate, and we would approve of the change, especially as it is used by all the other Grand Chapters save one."

M.E. Harvey Hazelrigg, of Lebanon, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

## IOWA.

A beautifully printed pamphlet of fifty pages brings to us the proceedings of the fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, which was held at Desmoines, October 16, 1868, R.E. J. W. Satterthwaite, Grand King, presiding, although the D. G. High Priest was present. Thirty-three subordinates were represented, including five under dispensation.

M.E. H. Hemenway, Grand High Priest, being absent, his address was presented by the Grand Secretary. Comp. Hemenway is a zealous advocate of uniformity in work, and has done

much during the two years of his administration towards accomplishing this desired result. He thus speaks encouragingly of Capitular Masonry in that State:—

"The past year has been an eventful one in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. Many new Chapters have been organized, and from personal observation and reports that have reached me from nearly every subordinate Chapter in the State, I am satisfied that Royal Arch Masonry has kept pace with the rapid growth and general prosperity of all institutions in the State, of whatever nature, and that peace and prosperity abound in our councils."

During the year dispensations were issued to seven new Chapters. We congratulate our Companions of Iowa on the prosperity of the Craft in that jurisdiction.

By a vote of the Grand Chapter, the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree is strictly prohibited.

It will be noticed that in the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Grand King, instead of the D.G. H. Priest, presided, whereupon the rank of the last named officer was settled in the following manner:—

"All the powers possessed by the Grand High Priest must of necessity, in case of his absence, fall upon the deputy, for this among other reasons: The Priesthood was alone confined to the tribe of Levi, and no one not of that tribe was permitted to aspire to or assume the duties and responsibilities of the High Priesthood under any pretence whatever. Not even the King, under the masonic law, although clothed with absolute power over his subjects, was allowed to meddle with the duties of the Priesthood, or even to touch the vestments thereof, without incurring the displeasure of the Almighty. Even the ark of the covenant was not allowed to be borne or touched by any except by those of the tribe of Levi, and Uzzah, for his temerity in putting forth his hand to steady the ark, was struck dead, and Korah, Dathan and Abiram, for their presumption in assuming the prerogatives of the priestly office, met with a similar fate. With these views, your committee believe that the D. G. H. Priest, being an appointment from the Grand Council for a specific object, and not the King, should preside in the absence of the Grand High Priest."

A resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee to make arrangements with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters to obtain the "exclusive control of the Criptic degrees" in that State.

We are very sorry to record such a movement on the part of any Grand Chapter, much more that any Grand Council should be willing to enter into negotiations to surrender the Criptic degrees. Royal Arch Masonry has enough to take care of without being encumbered with any other degrees; and, besides this, the Council degrees are not authorized by the G.G. Chapter of the United States. Then again, the Criptic degrees, to be conferred fully and impressively, should be under the control of a separate organization. They are beautiful when conferred in a proper manner; and, rather than have them take a secondary place in our Chapters to be mangled and strangled, let them be obliterated forever.

Comp. Guilbert presented a report on Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The minutes say " (see appendix)," but we have received no appendix.

Since writing the above, we have got an "inkling" of this report through Comp. Corson, of New Jersey; and we should judge, by the extracts there given, that Comp. Guilbert has kept up his reputation for "sharp hitting" all around. Companions Drummond and Corson, the G.G. Chapter, Massachusetts, and we do not know how many more, come in for a share. Comp. Corson says:—

"Comp. Guilbert administers some heroic doses to the subscriber, which we receive complacently, for we have hopes of him in the future. We firmly believe that when he arrives at the years of discretion, more mature judgment will correct the errors of juvenility. As a frisky kitten becomes by age a demure cat, so we prophesy that in a few years our young Companion will make a very respectable masonic writer.

Come to my bosom, my own stricken dear, Rhubarb and Calomel always are here; I'll blister and bleed you at little expense, ("Jersey Lightning" will cost you, per haustum, ten cents)."

#### Massachusetts takes it as follows: -

"The proceedings are almost wholly barren of interest. We are free to say that we do not consider such a book creditable to any Grand Chapter, much less to that of the State which claims to contain the Athens of America. No annual address, no questions of usage or general interest discussed, and

four Convocations 'written and told' in fourteen pages of print, very nearly four of which are devoted to the names of Grand Officers and subordinate Chapters, the which of course were printed four times! Massachusetts does not do herself justice in this pamphlet."

Comp. Guilbert reminds us of an eccentric old parson who was settled over a parish where no minister had been able to live a great while on account of the penuriousness and quarrelsome proclivities of the people. He fully believed that he could reform them. After laboring with them about two years, he made up his mind it was a hopeless case, and, as he was about to leave them, he chose this text as the subject of his farewell discourse: "Finally, brethren, farewell." He gave them a tremendous drubbing, and then closed his discourse with these words: "Brethren, farewell. I sincerely hope we may meet in heaven, but I solemnly aver before God that I never want to see your faces again in the flesh." We hope Comp. Guilbert does not feel as bad as this parson did, for we want to see him at the "hub," and cross palms with a Companion who dares to "free his mind."

In regard to the discussion of "questions of usage, &c.," our Chapters are so thoroughly posted in masonic law and usage, that we seldom have any occasion to debate these matters in Grand Chapter, and we do not usually meddle with the affairs of our neighbors. We are eminently conservative, although we live in radical New England. An annual address will appear in our next issue.

M.E. Pitkin C. Wright, of Dewitt, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Secretary.

## KANSAS

Held its Fourth Annual Convocation at Lawrence, October 19, 1868, Comp. R. R. Rees, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Ten Chapters represented.

Comp. Rees presented a brief address, sparkling with some eloquent passages. He says:—

"With this, the close of three successive terms, how pleasant to announce that in our body's membership within the year, no death nor discord has obtruded. How thankful should we feel for mercies such as these. 'Tis true, but one new Chapter has been formed; but better thus than that each hamlet, neighborhood and village were supplied, without the requisite material for support. 'Tis not our number that bespeaks prosperity in Masonry. Our great success is in the fact that no contending jar disturbs our harmony."

Most of the address is taken up with a description of the last Assembly of the General Grand Chapter, of which he was a representative. In speaking of the advantages of Masonry as exhibited in that meeting, he draws the following picture:—

"Though hate with fiendish gaze controls the outer world, and maniac vengeance grasps the hilt, the blade all recking with a brother's blood, and man, lost in the fury of more dire contending passion, laughs at the desolation he creates, yet from this chamber reaches out the hand, and while it may not still the storm, it lifts the trembling victim from these scenes of woe, and soon enfolds him in the arms of love. It tells of our long continued line of neverending perpetuity."

Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary, and also chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, briefly and fraternally reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included.

Comp. O. A. Bassett, of Lawrence, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth, Grand Secretary.

## KENTUCKY.

Promptness is a virtue to be commended in individuals and associations, and so far as the issuing of proceedings is concerned, Kentucky must bear the palm, for in twenty days from the time the Grand Chapter closed its Convocation, we received a nicely printed copy of its proceedings, embracing one hundred and fifty pages. Well done, good and faithful servants; thou hast been faithful over a few things, may the Supreme Grand High Priest make thee rulers over many things.

The Grand Convocation was held at Louisville, October 18, 1869, M.E. Richard G. Hawkins, Grand High Priest, presiding, with eighty-four subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and practical. On the state of the Order, he says:—

"The past year has been a quiet one with us, nothing having occurred to mar our tranquility, and the Order in this State is, as far as I can learn, in a prosperous condition. The reports will, I think, show a falling off from last year's returns, which, I think, signifies that the Companions have begun to appreciate Capitular Masonry, and do not believe that any and every one is fitted to become a Companion. Let us be still more careful, and let no petition be acted on without the most thorough scrutiny, and admit none but such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square. While such are our members, we may expect to be united."

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters. No Grand Lecturers being employed in that jurisdiction, the Grand High Priest calls attention to a great diversity in work, and urges most strenuously that something should be done to secure greater uniformity. He calls attention to what he calls "an anomaly in our work," and asks for its correction.

"In the P. M. degree, it is customary, as far as I have been able to ascertain, to confer the degree on a Master elect of a Blue Lodge, but we will not admit him when we confer the degree on one taking the Chapter degrees; then why admit him at all? Let him go to a Convocation of Past Masters, where of right it belongs."

If we rightly understand this paragraph, the Grand High Priest cannot see why the W. M. of a Blue Lodge should not be admitted when the degree of P. M. is conferred in the Chapter, although he never may have taken the Chapter degrees. In this jurisdiction there is a difference between the "Obligation of the Chair," as administered to a W. M. elect at his installation, and the P. M. degree as conferred in the Chapter; and for this reason the P. M. of a Blue Lodge is not admitted into the P. M. Lodge in the Chapter. This part of the address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but the proceedings do not show that they made any report thereon.

The corner-stone of the new building, to be erected by the Masons of that State, as the "Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary," was laid with appropriate ceremony, the Grand Chapter, by special invitation, attending in a body. We wish

our Brethren and Companions of Kentucky much success in this new and charitable enterprise.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the editor of the "Kentucky Freemason," Comp. H. A. M. Henderson. He gives us a concise and able review of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

M.E. E. B. Jones, of Paducah, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

## LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings of Louisiana in a well-arranged pamphlet of about one hundred pages. The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 9, 1869, M.E. Samuel M. Todd, Grand High Priest, presiding, with seventeen subordinates represented.

M.E. Comp. Todd, in his practical address, says: -

"The past year has been one of comparative prosperity with the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction; from every portion of the State come evidences of a healthful prosperity, and a considerable increase of membership."

He pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of two prominent members who have died during the year, Companions Henry Reymburg and Willis P. Coleman.

Appropriate notice is taken of a spurious body calling itself the "Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana," and intercourse with the Grand Orient of France was cut off in consequence of its recognition of that body.

Comp. Joseph P. Hornor presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. We wondered, as we were reading his very able and interesting report, if that was his *first* effort, but before we concluded the secret came out that he had been in the harness before. We beg of him to be a little merciful to those of us who are making our *debut*, and not expect us to launch out quite so

boldly and ably as he has done. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included. In speaking of Massachusetts, he says:—

"We find no address from the presiding officer, and observe that this deficiency is noticed by others of the reportorial corps, by some remarks of the Committee on Correspondence; they do not, however, pretend to account for the omission in any way, which we greatly regret, as such documents are generally so important and interesting, that their absence naturally causes some disappointment; perhaps the explanation may be given us next year."

The explanation will be given this year in the shape of an address which we doubt not will be both "important and interesting." As the practice of Massachusetts corresponds with that of Louisiana in regard to the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, we append the following:—

"There is one matter to which we particularly desire to call attention, and that is, that almost all the Grand Chapters whose proceedings we have reviewed, have adopted a fundamental law forbidding the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree. We are at a loss to know what reason can be urged by any one of practical experience, or of any masonic knowledge, against such a regulation; indeed it is well said by some, that it is a part of the Ancient Law as found in the installation vows of a High Priest, and that any violation thereof amounts to a mere quibble; yet no such edict exists in this jurisdiction, and presiding officers of our Chapters have learned not to consider the use of substitutes as being in any wise contrary to their solemn engagements."

We shall give our reasons for using substitutes in our notice of Tennessee.

Comp. Hornor pays us the following compliment: -

"The volume before us is beautiful in its execution; indeed Maine, whom we have already complimented in this respect, yields the palm to Massachusetts for typographical excellence."

M.E. Samuel M. Todd, of New Orleans, was elected Grand High Priest, and James C. Batchelder, M.D., Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE.

The M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine held its Annual Convocation in Portland, May 4, 1869, M.E. James M. Larrabee presiding, with thirty Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief and eminently practical. In alluding to the decease of two of the Companions, he says:—

"The angel of death has entered our ranks and taken two of the fathers of this Grand Chapter. M.E. Samuel Fessenden, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, a venerable and honored citizen, a worthy Mason of 'Auld Lang Syne,' and M.E. John Williams, a Mason of about fifty years standing, a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, highly esteemed as a man and Mason, have passed away."

The true masonic spirit is manifested in the concluding paragraph: —

"I think we have reason to rejoice in the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout our jurisdiction. The promise for the future is glorious, and the banner of our order shall yet float triumphantly over all our foes. So long as the prudent precautions which produce a healthy growth in Masonry are observed, we need fear no evil. In order to secure and perpetuate these blessings and future prosperity, our council chambers must be dedicated to the Royal Art, pure and uncontaminated by the corrupting influences of vice and gross immorality."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted authorizing the Grand Council to divide the State into districts, and to appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest for each district, except those in which reside either the Grand High Priest, D. G. High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, — the last named officers to take charge of the districts in which they may reside, — so that each Chapter shall be visited by one of these officers at least once in each masonic year. This, we think, is a step in the right direction, and must result in great good to Capitular Masonry in that State.

M.E. Joseph H. Drummond, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews, with more than his usual ability, the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, ours included. Comp. Drummond has a peculiar faculty of getting the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Chapters. If time and space would allow, we should be glad to copy many pages from his excellent report, but we must be contented with a few concluding extracts.

"Substitutes.— An examination of the returns shows that the use of substitutes is allowed, or winked at, in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin—twenty-six Grand Chapters. They are not allowed in Alabama, Iowa, Michigan and Mississippi. We cannot ascertain whether they are allowed or not in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia. But in almost every Grand Chapter it is admitted that their use is wrong and unmasonic; still there does not seem to be firmness enough to prevent it. Subordinates, for the mere accommodation of candidates, are allowed to violate the law. Now let us in Maine do one of two things, either adhere strictly to the law, or on our own responsibility strike from the charges and ritual everything in relation to it. Consistency to a decent extent demands the one or the other."

We refer Comp. Drummond to a few questions on this subject in our review of Tennessee.

On the subject of statistics, he says: -

"We append a table of statistics—the result of considerable labor—yet imperfect. We had intended to compare the footings with those of several past years; but the tables are so imperfect that we forbear. We cannot, however, help stating some known results that are perfectly startling to us. More than three quarters of the Royal Arch Masons of the country are of less than ten years' standing! And quite one half became so within less than four years! In 1860, there were 35,000; in 1865, scarcely 50,000; in 1869, there are 90,000. . . . Is this growth sound? Is this prosperity real? We confess, large as had been our estimate of the increase, we were startled at the figures."

M.E. J. Pearson Gill, of Lewiston, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Just as we are about to close our report, Maryland brings the welcome, thrice welcome tidings, that for the sake of peace she yields to the edict of the G.G. Chapter, and "recognizes the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, entitled to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the G.G. Chapter of the

United States." Well done, Maryland. This is magnanimous—this is glorious. We shall offer no apology for our warmth of feeling, for we are happy. We should like, about this time, to meet our Companions of Maryland and the District of Columbia in an old fashioned masonic "love feast," where we could relate our experience, and sing

"We're a band of brethren dear," &c.

This memorable Annual Convocation of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Maryland was held at Baltimore, November 8, 1869, M.E. Charles H. Ohr, M.D. Grand High Priest, presiding, with nine subordinates represented.

M.E. James M. Austin, G.G. High Priest of the G.G. Chapter of the United States, and M.E. John W. Simons, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, were introduced and received with the Grand Honors.

Comp. Herman L. Emmons, jr., chairman of a committee of five on resolutions, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted:—

"Whereas, Difficulties have heretofore existed between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, arising from the fact that, in the view of this Grand Chapter, the amendment to its Constitution necessary to give validity to the release of a portion of its territory was not lawfully adopted, and

"Whereas, In view of the fact of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and by a majority of, if not all the State Grand Chapters, and of the desire of this Grand Chapter to pay due respect to the judgments of the General Grand Chapter and the wishes of the several State Grand Chapters, and to cultivate amicable and fraternal relations with all its peers, as well as to promote the harmony and unity of Royal Arch Masonry, notwithstanding the belief of its membership that its just rights in the premises have been overlooked, does hereby

"Resolved, 1. That the Grand Constitution be amended by striking therefrom so much as relates to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over the territory of the District of Columbia.

"Resolved, 2. That this Grand Chapter does hereby waive and relinquish its jurisdictional rights over the District of Columbia so long as it remains the seat of the National Government, and also does hereby recognize the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, and entitled

to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

"Resolved, 3. That henceforth the title of this Grand Chapter shall be the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Maryland."

"Resolved, 4. That all resolutions heretofore passed by this Grand Chapter inconsistent with these resolutions be and the same are hereby repealed."

This is a beautiful illustration of that "charity" or love—as it might be translated—"that never faileth."

Comp. Stevens, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, offered the following special report, which was adopted:—

"The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the matter of interference of the jurisdiction of Louisiana by a spurious body of Masons, ask leave to report, that,

"While we sympathize in all respects with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and protest most earnestly against the invasion of its territory by any masonic power, regular or irregular, we are constrained to believe that the matter, as it now stands, is purely one of symbolic Masonry. No action appears to be required on the part of Grand Chapters from the fact that, as Master Masons, we can hold no connection with the schismatics, or their abettors, and hence are debarred as Royal Arch Masons. The brethren of Louisiana are assured of our sympathy and support as members of Lodges, and constituents of Grand Lodges, and there we prefer to leave the matter."

M.E. Comp. Ohr delivered an excellent address, from which we take the following paragraph on Council Degrees:—

"The subject of the Council Degrees is also considerably discussed, and great contrariety of practice prevails. In most of the States the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees are not recognized by the Grand Chapter, but are under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and controlled by them. These degrees are not recognized in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, neither are they named in any of our charters. Under what authority and by what right, then, are they conferred by our Chapter? The absurdity of our position must become apparent, after very slight reflection, on this question. It is our duty to relieve ourselves from so questionable a practice."

On the subject of admitting colored Masons, he says: -

"In my judgment, it is a matter of very little practical importance. Are there any among us who can be recognized as regularly made Masons? If not, the question is settled for all practical purposes. Is there any regular subordinate Lodge or Chapter that will confer the masonic degrees on such a one? If not, it cannot become a question. Should such a case however occur, it is competent for the Master to refuse admission. A little reflection

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on the landmarks, the ancient laws and customs of this Fraternity, will remove the difficulty from the mind of the honest inquirer.

"Among the standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter, there is one passed November, 1857, which may give rise to some difficulty on this subject, and therefore, in my judgment, had better be repealed. It concedes that any Freemason, in any grade, has the right not only to apply for admission, and has the right to an examination, and has the right to appeal from the action of the Chapter in case of refusal of any of these rights. Should one of the class above mentioned apply in conformity with the provisions of this resolution, the Chapter would be bound to examine the applicant, and might be to admit him, and in case of refusal is subject to the annoyance of an appeal in either contingency. It is more promotive of the harmony of the Craft to have the least possible legislation on subjects of jurisdiction."

It will be seen by referring to our review of Ohio that a case has occurred, and one that fully meets the question. We will add, there are several Lodges of colored Masons in Massachusetts, one of which originally worked under a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. A number of persons, claiming to be members of these Lodges, recently applied to the Grand Lodge of this State for recognition. The petition was received and referred to a committee, who reported that they had examined the charter and believed it to be "authentic," but that the prayer of the petitioners, in the form that it came before them, " should be regarded as the expression of individual persons rather than the request of the Lodges"; and that "our Constitutions make no distinction on account of the color of persons who desire the benefits of Freemasonry;" and that "there are no rules or regulations whereby the petitioners, if 'worthy and well qualified,' are excluded from our Fraternity, if they seek admission through duly organized Lodges"; and that the "petitioners have leave to withdraw." The report was unanimously adopted. The law laid down in this report governs all the Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction. We do not "concede that any Freemason, in any grade, has the right" to be examined and admitted. No visitor has the right to unseat a member.

Comp. Stevens presented an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours

included. The following concluding paragraph indicates the fraternal spirit that pervades the report: —

"Companions, the olive branch is extended to us on all hands, we are urged by the united voice of the craft to forget the past, to make concessions for the sake of harmony, and accept the proffered symbol of peace in a true masonic spirit, and thereby secure a union of interest, a union and concert of action throughout our entire ranks, a united harmonious body of the Royal Craft, now 90,000 strong, among whom no jarring element of discord shall be heard, whose motto shall be peace and good will to man, and whose united efforts in works of charity and love shall forever put to silence the cavilings and clamors of our enemies."

Amen. So mote it be.

M.E. Charles H. Ohr, M.D., of Cumberland, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William A. Wents, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

### MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held at Jackson, January 14, 1869, M.E. Joseph O. Lusher, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-three subordinates represented.

The address of the Graud High Priest is brief, and breathes the true masonic spirit. He says:—

"I have no flattering report of the increased or increasing prosperity of R. A. Masonry in this jurisdiction. No Dispensation for new Chapters has been issued, nor have the accessions to our numbers been as great as in years that have passed. The Chapters have not recovered from the effects of the late strife in our land. Nearly if not all of them had suspended during the war. Although most have been re-organized, yet they still suffer heavily from the financial distress and the general deficiency of resources which still prevails. Notwithstanding, it is pleasing to say that harmonious intercourse has been maintained among the members of the Arch, and that 'peace and harmony' generally prevail throughout our jurisdiction. trust that a brighter day will soon dawn upon us, and that all our tabernacles will be again erected, and our lights shine forth with increased brilliancy. That no new Chapters have been established I consider more a subject of congratulation than otherwise. Too many are already in existence for the good of the Royal Art, for while so many exist but short distances from each other, a quorum of members can seldom be obtained in either. Any further increase, therefore, cannot but result in the diminution of that strength of extensive membership which is so essentially necessary to a proper maintenance of the dignity and well-being of the Order. I would, therefore, fraternally suggest the propriety of exercising great caution and circumspection in granting Dispensations for new Chapters."

An interesting case, involving religious toleration, was decided at this Convocation in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. It appears that the High Priest of Chapter No. 3, Vicksburg, invited a visiting clergyman to offer prayer at the closing of the Chapter. As soon as the Chapter was closed, the E. Scribe addressed the reverend companion in a rude, boisterous, and profane manner, objecting to words used by him in prayer. Charges were preferred against the Scribe for insulting a visiting companion for the prayer, and the High Priest who invited him to pray, and for profanity.

The charges were sustained, except that of insult to the clergyman, which resulted in a tie vote. The case was then referred to the Grand High Priest, whose decision is substantially embodied in the report of the Committee on Masonic Law, which was adopted, and which we give in full:—

"The Committee on Masonic Law, continued from last Convocation, to prepare a report in regard to religious tolerance discussed in the address of M. E. G. H. P. W. D. Ferris, ask leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:—

- "Whereas, Universal religious tolerance is a fundamental principle of our Order, therefore
- "Resolved, That the right of every companion to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience must remain unimpaired.
- "Resolved, That the insult offered to Companion McLeod, a Christian minister, who, at the request of the High Priest of Vicksburg Chapter, No. 3, closed the Chapter with prayer and preferred his requests to the Deity in the name of 'Jesus Christ, our Saviour,' is deserving of severe censure, and the companion offering this indignity should have been suspended from the Chapter on the charge of gross unmasonic conduct, which was preferred against him by its Secretary."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion William S. Patton. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters in an able and instructive manner.

We regret that a copy of our proceedings failed to reach him, and consequently is not included in the number.

M.E. George D. Fee, of Oxford, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, of Columbus, re-elected Grand Secretary.

It appears from a notice on the memorial page at the close of the proceedings, that the M.E. Grand High Priest departed this life March 3, 1869, less than two months after his election. Thus we are all reminded that we are "passing away."

### MISSOURI.

The twentieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in St. Louis, October 7, 1868, Comp. Martin Collins, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Twenty-six subordinates were represented.

As an indication of the zeal and fidelity of our companions in Missouri, we give the following extract from the excellent address of Comp. Collins:—

"Many of you, my companions, have been, during the past year, laboring—lonely, and perhaps discouraged—in the waste places of our State, among the ruins of a former edifice of well-remembered beauty. Others may have been, as it were, 'carried away captive'; your oppressors requiring of you a song, and you tempted to reply: 'How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?' But hope has still been the angel guest of your hearts, and you have not forgotten Jerusalem, the city of the Great King. You have triumphed over captivity, performed the long journey through scenes of blight and desolation, and are here to-day, having won the earthly reward of the faithful, to behold the desert blossoming as the rose. Let us ever bear in mind, for our consolation in distress, that the glowing face of the sun smiles behind the darkest cloud, and that true life is only reached through the gates of darkness and death."

On the subject of appointing representatives to other Grand Chapters, he says: —

"I would recommend, as a means of preserving the bonds of fraternal union and companionship living and bright all over this wide land of ours, the judicious appointment of representatives of this Grand Body to all Grand Chapters with which we are in masonic communion. These would constitute links of a more intimate fellowship, whose influences would be palpably felt, both by ourselves and the whole membership of other jurisdictions where we may be so represented."

While we heartily subscribe to the desire expressed for "preserving the bonds of fraternal union and companionship," have we not the very best means of preserving this union in the General Grand Chapter of the United States? and does not our representation there do away with the necessity of any other, so far, at least, as this jurisdiction is concerned? So we think, and this is substantially the view taken by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, as may be seen in the proceedings of 1869.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Comp. George Frank Gouley, who ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. Eleven new Chapters were chartered.

Comp. Oren Root, jr., of Columbia, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

### **MICHIGAN**

Sends us her proceedings in a well-printed pamphlet of over two hundred pages, from which we learn that the twentieth Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 11, 1869, M.E. George C. Munro, Grand High Priest, presiding, with fifty-eight Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and refers almost wholly to local matters. He granted during the year Dispensations for six new Chapters, and closes his address by saying:—

"In closing my report, I wish to congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the general prosperity which has attended not only our own body, but also, with most remarkable uniformity, all the subordinate Chapters. Success has crowned our labors throughout this jurisdiction, for which we ought to feel that we are indebted to those sublime and beautiful precepts which we are taught to promulgate, and the practice of which will always secure in the future, as it has in the past, results so desirable."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, in which he gives us a clear and concise analysis of the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, Massachusetts for 1866, '69, included. In his introduction, he says:—

"Several of the reports on Foreign Correspondence, noting the action of this Grand Chapter on 'uniformity of work,' fixing the standard, and enforcing its observance, have singularly received the impression that our work was multiform, if not irregular, halting or worse in practice, and put in the hands of indolent workmen.

"Dear and respected committees, you could not have made a greater mistake! Our work was settled many years ago, and it has ever received our unanimous concurrence. It has been preserved as the apple of our eye. A single point for a year or two has been the only exception. We have simply re-examined our landmarks. They are all plumb. Our work is worked with a will. The old are familiar with it; the new are eager for it. Every Chapter is ever present at the sound of the gavel in the Grand East. New comers are pressing. Our labor is not to excite, but to restrain. Come and see us work."

The Committee on the "Status of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia," of which S. C. Coffinberry was chairman, made a lengthy report against recognizing that Grand Chapter. After "much discussion was had" on the merits of the question, the report was ordered to lie on the table until the next Annual Convocation. The following preamble and resolution were then adopted:—

- "Whereas, This Grand Chapter did, at its last Convocation, 'forbid and interdict its subordinate Chapters, and the members thereof, any and all intercourse' with the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, or with any Chapter claiming authority under the same, or with the members of such Chapters, and
- "Whereas, The General Grand Chapter did, at its last meeting, recognize said Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, as regular, therefore
  - "Resolved, That said resolution has no longer any binding force."

Michigan will not array herself against the G.G. Chapter, nor the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, for if she does, she will stand almost if not entirely alone. The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is a "fixed fact," and there is an overwhelming majority that will give her a cordial and fraternal support. M.E. William L. Webber, of East Saginaw, was elected Grand High Priest, and J. Eastman Johnson, of Centerville, Grand Secretary.

### MINNESOTA.

The conflagration at St. Paul last April, which destroyed the Masonic apartments and almost the entire property of the Grand Chapter, has not consumed the zeal and enterprise of our companions of Minnesota. The proceedings of 1868 are at hand, showing that the eighth Annual Convocation was held in that city, October 26, M.E. Luther Dearborn, Grand High Priest, presiding. Ten out of seventeen Chapters were represented.

Massachusetts knows full well how to sympathize with those who have suffered from the "devouring flames," and we hope our companions in that jurisdiction will soon be able to replace the property they have lost by the fire.

The address of the Grand High Priest is full of interest from beginning to end. He says: —

"The history of our Order here is the history of progress; and wherever we hear 'the sound of the axe, hammer, and tool of iron,' there also we hear the sound of the 'gavel,' calling from refreshment to labor in the noble tenets of our profession — Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Here, in this broad land, have we built homes to freedom; and as the strongest guarantee that they will be defended in every right dear to the citizen, we have built, side by side, the church, the school house, and the Masonic Lodge."

After speaking in the highest terms of the generous hospitality so freely extended by the people of St. Louis to the G.G. Chapter at its last Triennial Convocation, he adds:—

"But far above all in that reunion was this great idea, so well and feelingly expressed, and without concert of action, almost simultaneously uttered by our European brethren, in International Convocation assembled, in France: In what manner may Freemasonry counteract the current idea of war, which is hostile to every notion of human fraternity?

"When we, by our united wisdom, can give a proper solution and direction to this important question, then can we feel and say 'that we have not labored in vain, nor spent our strength for naught.'" Comp. Dearborn potently rebukes the vices of intemperance and profanity. On the latter he says:—

"How is it possible that a companion who has passed the veils of our Tabernacle by the 'Signet of Truth,' that has engraven upon his heart 'Holiness to the Lord,' and been invested with the 'Ineffable Word,' can so far forget these solemn teachings as to profane that sacred name? The correction of these vicious habits are imperatively demanded by the teachings of our Order. We owe it to the Institution of which we are members. We owe it to society. We owe it to our characters as just and upright Masons."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from one who is well known and distinguished for his thorough knowledge of masonic jurisprudence, — Comp. A. T. C. Pierson. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts, of which he says, "it is by far the best specimen of bookmaking among the proceedings." He remarks that —

"Nineteen Chapters were represented at the Annual Convocation, among them that of St. Andrew's, the oldest on the continent, having been chartered in 1769. (Note. — We suggest the propriety of a centennial celebration, and an invitation to the writer)."

The centenary of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter was celebrated at the new Masonic Temple in Boston, September 29, A.L. 5869. We do not know whether the committee sent an invitation to Comp. Pierson or not, but if not, they should have done it, so that he might have witnessed one of the finest and most magnificent entertainments ever enjoyed by the Royal Craft in New England. Representatives were present from several Grand Chapters outside of our own jurisdiction, among them the M.E.G.G. High Priest, Comp. James M. Austin, of New York; and what (probably) would have pleased Comp. Pierson very much was, we had some of the finest ladies present that possibly could have graced such an assembly of companions.

We have already noticed that the Grand Chapter of New York has assumed jurisdiction over the Order of High Priesthood. Comp. Pierson takes exception to this action as follows:—

"Very little is known of the history of the Order or Degree of High Priesthood. One thing is certain, that it is an Americanism, manufactured within sixty years. We have never been able to trace it beyond 1816, when Thomas Smith Webb communicated it to the late Ebenezer Wadsworth, who considered that he 'owned' the Degree, as far as New York was concerned. Councils of High Priesthood are of late date. When asked where the Degree came from, Father Wadsworth replied, 'Webb received it in England,' and so he believed up to 1865, and evinced much surprise that the story he had been telling for over forty years had no basis, for two reasons:

1st. The Degree or Order is not known in England; and

2d. Thomas Smith Webb never was in England.

It has always been held that it was competent for any three anointed High Priests to give the Order to a Past or Present High Priest, or one who had been elected to preside over a regularly warranted Chapter. New York presents the first instance on record of conferring the Order upon the High Priest of a Chapter U.D., as it does of a Grand Chapter assuming jurisdiction over the Order."

He then alludes to the action of the G.G. Chapter on this subject in 1853. We quote the last two resolutions:—

"Resolved, That is not within the province or the control of this G.G. Chapter, or of any State Grand Chapter, to define the duties and powers of a Council of High Priests.

Resolved, That while in deference to the long established usages of R. A. Masonry in this country, it is recommended that every newly elected High Priest should, as soon as it is convenient, receive the Order of High Priesthood; his anointment as such is not necessary to his installation, or to the full and entire discharge of all his powers and duties as the presiding officer of his Chapter."

This is precisely the ground taken by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and, so far as we can learn, nearly all the Grand Chapters of the United States. We should be glad to make many quotations from Comp. Pierson's very instructive report, but time will not admit.

M.E. Moses W. Getchell, of St. Anthony, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William S. Combs, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

### NEW YORK.

The seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held at Albany, February 2, 1869, Comp. Seymore H. Stone, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. One hundred and thirty-five subordinates were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is clear and concise, and relates almost wholly to a recapitulation of his official acts for the year. The prosperity of the craft in that jurisdiction may be gathered from the following paragraph:—

"We meet to-day with our official ranks unbroken—another proof of the superintending care which has been over us during the vicissitudes of another year. Complete harmony and unprecedented prosperity have characterized Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction since last we met. Sixteen new Chapters have been organized by dispensation during the past year, and ask for warrants at this convocation; and although a larger number than has been organized in any one year during the history of this Grand Chapter, I know of no reason why a warrant should not be granted in each case. The growth seems natural, vigorous, and healthy."

This Grand Chapter has been honored by the selection of one of its members, M.E. Comp. James M. Austin, as General Grand High Priest.

Comp. Joseph White, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included.

Some sharp criticisms having been made on the action of this Grand Chapter in assuming jurisdiction over the Order of High Priesthood, Comp. White enters into a spirited defence. He says:—

"Can a person be duly installed to preside over a Master's Lodge until he has received the l'ast Master's degree, as a preliminary qualification previous to entering upon his duties? Or can a Grand Master be installed until he is duly qualified by instruction and obligation? Or can a High Priest be duly installed until he, in like manner, is duly obligated and instructed in his duties? And we would further ask, what kind of a grand body that would be, which is dependent upon another organization to qualify them for their own duties?"

This position will hold good if the Grand Chapter will make the anointing of a High Priest a prerequisite to, or a part of, the installation ceremony; which, by the way, would be rather inconvenient. Then no such anomaly would arise as has arisen in that jurisdiction during the past year, where a High Priest was installed into his office, but could not preside because he had not received the order of High Priesthood. In Massachusetts, the Order is conferred in a regularly organized convention of anointed High Priests, and none are eligible but present or past High Priests. The anointing is no part of the installation of a High Priest, neither is the want of it any disqualification for the office.

Comp. White wields the pen of a ready writer, and has given us a clear and comprehensive report.

M.E. John W. Simons, of New York, was elected Grand High Priest, and Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

### NEBRASKA.

The Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska was held at Bellevue, June 23, 1868, M.E. Dauiel H. Wheeler, D. G. H. Priest, presiding, with three Chapters represented. This is the second Annual Convocation of this young and vigorous Grand Chapter. On account of the unavoidable absence of the Grand High Priest, M.E. J. W. Moore, his address was presented by Deputy Comp. Wheeler. It is brief but excellent in its moral tone. He says:—

"It is extremely painful to see in some of our Chapters, as the result of too loose practice in this regard, the contradiction which is found between the principles of Royal Arch Masonry and the practice of Royal Arch Masons. No system of morals can be purer than ours, and yet, in a few instances, I have information that the tongue of slander has been used by companions against members of the same Chapter. In other cases I find Royal Arch Masons degrading themselves to the level of the profane and taking the name of Deity in vain, and even uttering blasphemies. These are evils of no trivial character, and call in thunder tones upon Masons and masonic bodies for united and strenuous efforts to remove them."

We hope, for the sake of masonry, our sacred obligations, and especially for the sake of that "Great and Sacred Name," such instances are few and far between. Royal Arch Masons must be true in their principles, and chaste in their conversation if they would have the outside world say of them, "Behold, how these brethren love one another."

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.E. Daniel H. Wheeler, of Plattsmouth, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary.

### NEW JERSEY.

The twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held at Trenton, September 9, 1868, M.E. J. V. Mattison, M.D., Grand High Priest, presiding, with seventeen subordinates represented.

In the brief and excellent address of the Grand High Priest, he gives us an amusing description of the loss of his masonic clothing and jewels:—

"While my house was closed, some impious wretch had the audacity to enter my sanctum, the place of deposit of my masonic valuables, and, not content with the thorough overhauling of the contents of every piece of furniture in the house, laid his sacreligious hands upon my masonic wardrobe, and appropriated it entirely to his own use, not even giving me the satisfaction of leaving his card. The hope, long deferred, of recovering the same grows fainter and fainter day by day; and I take this opportunity of saying that if any of the companions present should by chance discover any person who wore his masonic clothing suspiciously, examine him, and if his tongue trembles, and if he does not give the true shiboleth, slay him at once; for I would prefer the loss of the whole, rather than that, pleased with its adornment, he should be persuaded to become a Mason, and his conscience then compel a restoration. We want none who procure their masonic clothing in that manner. This, companions, is my apology for the apparent want of courtesy in appearing before you without the jewels of my office. I hope soon to have them replaced."

And they are replaced. The Grand Chapter very generously voted an appropriation for that purpose.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Thomas J. Corson, and is one of the best we have had the pleasure of reading. He reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, including Massachusetts. In reviewing California, he thus argues with Comp. Owen:—

"In his review of New Jersey, Comp. Owen objects to the opinion expressed by the writer of this report in 1866, that a candidate elected to receive the degrees of the Chapter could not be stayed in his progress unless

charges were presented against him, and these charges sustained. As other reviewers have taken the same ground as that occupied by Comp. Owen, we may as well define our position, which we believe to be perfectly tenable, and for these reasons: When a petition is presented to the Chapter, the petitioner prays that he may 'receive the degrees of M.M., P.M., M.E.M., and R.A.M., and become a member of your Chapter if found worthy.' Now when the Chapter elects that man, it makes a solemn promise that he shall receive all of those degrees, and become a member of the same. What right - what honorable right - has the Chapter to break that promise, unless good and sufficient cause be shown why that promise should be withdrawn? If the candidate petitions for but one degree at a time, then such a course might be allowable. But when a Chapter promises to confer all the degrees, and after conferring the first, receives the pay for all, it would be iniquitously unjust to deprive the candidate of any of the degrees on the mere 'expressed wishes' of any member. . . . For our life we cannot see why a Chapter is not bound to keep its promise, unless it is proven that that promise was made under a mistake, and that the fulfilment thereof would be deleterious to the interests of the Chapter."

We believe the above to be the correct position, for this, among other reasons: We have known a member to arrest the proceedings in the case of an initiate from a mere personal pique against him, which, on examination, was found to be without any good foundation whatever. We would not say that formal charges should be preferred against an applicant before any degree is conferred upon him, neither do we so understand Comp. Corson, but the objections should go to a committee, and the objector should, in some way, satisfy the committee, and through them the Chapter, that they are well founded, otherwise the objections should not be heeded. "The adoption of any other rule," as Comp. Corson has well said, "would put it in the power of any captious, ill-natured member of a Chapter to prevent, without any just reason, the progress of an elected candidate at any stage of the proceedings."

We should be glad to make many extracts from this excellent report, but time and space will not admit. We must, however, give our companions a little taste of Comp. Corson's poetic ability:—

"In our last report, a call was issued for a Convention of Reporters, and we agreed to procure a report of the proceedings of this distinguished body of

magnates. The convocation took place at the 'Four Corners,' this neutral locality being selected in order that all could meet on common ground, so that the North could not give the cold shoulder to the South, nor the West turn her back on the East. 'The following report, which is remarkable for possessing but little rhyme, less rhythm, and no reason, has been furnished by one who claims to have been there, but whose modesty (?) compels him to withhold his name. The authorship has been variously attributed to prominent members of our Fraternity, but we have learned that Gouley, Drummond, Gardner, and Guilbert are the only ones left who are contending for the high honor of having produced this remarkable effusion:

The Convention was held, and a good time we had of it, Those who speak truly can say nothing bad of it; The brethren came forward, each brim full of charity, Which thing, with true Masons, is never a rarity.

The Bay State sent Gardner, with mind analytical, While Guilbert, the slasher, who's always so critical, Brought Stevens and Johnston, and also good Hodges, To see what was up, and to watch all our dodges.

Next Corson, the hirsute, came forward so lazily, That Matthews and Alden, both acting quite crazily, Took hold of his shoulders and by Reynolds seated him, When all the companions most cordially greeted him.

Owen led friend Seymour in, and Brown, of Oregon, With Richardson and Chickering prepared to have some fun, When Britton whispered to me, 'why what a sing'lar freak, See, Carolina's famous Carr has sprung a little Leake.'

The gavel then descended, and stopped this great confusion, Whereon the whole convention came to this most wise conclusion, That let our quarrels all go by, both outside and internal, We will not write or speak henceforth of aught but love fraternal."

The moral of this effusion is excellent, and the conclusion we most heartily subscribe to. But only think of the grave and sedate Chickering making "fun"! When the next Reporter's Convention is held, may we be there.

M.E. Jesse P. Case, of Jersey City, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Woolverton, of Trenton, Grand Secretary.

### OHIO.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Dayton, October 16, 1868, M.E. George Rex, Grand High Priest, presiding, with one hundred and six Chapters represented, including eight under dispensation.

Comp. Rex says, in his brief and practical address: -

"The past year has been one of more than usual activity in Capitular Masonry. The reports of your subordinates show a large increase in our membership, and during the same period the number of Chapters in this jurisdiction has increased in a corresponding ratio."

Dispensations were issued to seven new Chapters.

He pays the following tribute to the late Comp. Chester Griswold: —

"Since our last Annual Communication, tidings have reached us of the demise, in a distant city, of an Eminent Companion whose name was once familiar to the Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and who was closely identified with the early masonic annals of this jurisdiction. Comp. Chester Griswold, who participated in the organization of this Grand Chapter, and was its second presiding officer, closed his earthly pilgrimage at the city of Baltimore, on the twenty-seventh day of November last, at the ripe age of eighty five years. It is now forty-five years since he ceased to be a citizen of Ohio, and consequently there are but few of his cotemporaries remaining Those few, however, bear cheerful testimony to his eminent virtues as a man and a Mason, and cherish his memory with fraternal fondness. The occasion seems a proper one to stay for a brief season the bustle of business, pleasure and ambition, and contemplate the character of one conspicuous among our predecessors, and who merited and received their highest esteem We may draw from the subject lessons of wisdom to guide us in the path of rectitude, and incentives to inspire us to emulate his good deeds. It is not meet that such an opportunity should be either neglected or lightly regarded."

The committee to whom this part of the Grand High Priest's address was referred, presented an obituary notice of Comp. Griswold, which is highly and deservedly complimentary to his memory. We would transcribe it entire, but our space will not admit of it.

Comp. Howard Matthews, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours included. He says:—

"We undertake the arduous, yet exceedingly pleasant duty of reviewing these proceedings with the same delightful anticipations that we would approach a gorgeous banquet, at which the most fastidious appetite might be amply satisfied. We meet, as it were, our Companion Reporters from all sections of the country, exchange with them the most friendly greetings,

criticise whatever may appear to us to require it, and bid them God speed until we meet again."

This "friendly" and fraternal spirit is carried out in one of the ablest reviews that it has been our pleasure to read.

Comp. Matthews handles the question of admitting colored Masons in a candid and judicious manner. In reviewing the proceedings of Arkansas, he says:—

"The committee quote from the decision of the Grand Chapter of New York, in favor of the admission of a regularly exalted companion as a visitor in a Chapter, without regard to race or color, but with the condition that any member of a Chapter may object to the admission of a visitor without assigning any reason, and that the objection would be valid. The committee say: 'Well, we will not growl with our New York companions about that decision. This is a free country, and if R. A. Masons in New York desire to throw their Chapters and Lodges open to the visits of those claiming to be regularly exalted companions, without regard to race or color—all right. All a matter of taste (and in some cases smell, too.) We would prefer to know that those we associate with as companions were "free born." We've heard that expression somewhere in our lives.'

"With all due deference to Comp. Moore, we would remind him that New York decided only the abstract principle, and in that they were correct. Freemasonry is a common centre, around which are congregated, in one holy, indivisible bond of brotherhood, men of every tribe, and nation, and kindred, and tongue, under Heaven' But persons claiming to be Royal Arch Masons must show that they were made in regularly constituted Lodges and Chapters, and that they are 'free born' and 'under the tongue of good report.' And after all this, as decided very properly by New York, any member may object to their visiting."

Comp. Gouley, of Missouri, in alluding to this subject, uses the following language: —

"Let it be once and definitely settled, that no Grand Chapter is legal unless it is white, and that such Grand Chapter does not issue charters except to white members; then we know where we stand. As it is, we cannot recognize any negro as hailing from a regular Chapter, for we know of none who makes negroes into Royal Arch Masons; if we did, we would be in favor of barring our doors against visitation by any member of that Chapter, whether white or black."

To this Comp. Matthews responds: -

"Of the above, we say that it is true that no Grand Chapter is or can be legal in this country unless it is white, because the territory is all occupied,

and there cannot be two Grand Jurisdictions in the same territory. It is also true that Grand Chapters do not issue charters except to white members, or that Chapters confer degrees upon any but white candidates. But our object in making the above quotation, was to say that we fail to find in the fundamental law of the institution, any prerequisite that a person should be white; but merely that he be a man (that is of lawful age), free born, of good report, and well recommended. It would doubtless be highly inexpedient and improper to make Masons of negroes, at this time, but it is the abstract question we have to do with now. If a negro should present himself to a regular Lodge, possessing all the necessary prerequisites, and be found worthy, whether in Missouri or elsewhere, the Lodge might, if they chose, in the absence of any local enactment to the contrary, proceed to initiate him, and confer the remaining degrees to M.M., and Brother Gouley would be compelled to recognize him. We do not think such a thing possible or probable, but the principle is there, that is all."

Yes, the thing is not only "possible" and "probable," but it has actually occurred in one of the oldest and most conservative Lodges in Boston. Bro. J. B. Smith, the celebrated colored caterer of Boston, made application to St. Andrew's Lodge for the degrees a little over two years ago, and, without any opposition or unusual delay, was accepted and made a Mason in due and ancient form. Since that he has received the Chapter degrees in St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter, and the Orders of Knighthood in St. Omer Commandery. He is a man, free born, of good report and well recommended. In view of this fact, will Comp. Gouley be in favor of "barring their doors against visitation by any of the white members" of St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter? It is an incontrovertible fact that there is no fundamental law against making Masons of colored men, and we do most heartily subscribe to the decision of the Grand Chapter of New York on this subject. The best way for us all is to "keep cool," and treat this subject upon its real merits.

We should be glad to make many extracts from Comp. Matthews' report, but we must forbear.

M.E. Charles C. Kiefer, of Dayton, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Charleston, February 9, 1869, M.E. Robert Stewart Bruns presiding, with twenty-three Chapters represented.

We most heartily congratulate our companions of South Carolina on the revivification of Capitular Masonry in that State, and that the Grand Chapter is out of debt. They have struggled nobly in the midst of great discouragements, and now they begin to enjoy the fruit of their labor. The address of the Grand High Priest is enough to inspire every companion with new zeal and courage. He says:—

"It rejoices me greatly, companions, to believe that this work of revivification is already begun among us. I see it in numerous proofs during the experience of the past year. I see it in the general recovery of society among us from the prostration and despondency which have weighed our people down for several dreary years; in which the cloud seemed destined never again to lift; while the sun in our heavens, a melancholy blank, seemed ordained never more to shine for us.

"But the cloud doth lift! the sun shines out once more! I feel that you have hopes renewed. I see that your courage hath aroused your zeal. I feel confidence in the grasp of each fraternal hand; and as we stretch together the fourfold cord of unity and harmony, I become confident in a future the issues of which are, however, known only to the Grand High Priest of the Universe, in whose hands we may safely leave them, relying upon his love to man, and that divine mercy which tempers justice, and puts no burden upon mortal shoulders which, with zeal, and faith, and courage, the mortal may not ably endure. With this hope and confidence, companions, I welcome you once more to these altars; and to the renewal of all our sacred pledges of love with one another, and good will to all the vast family of man."

We rejoice that the General Grand Chapter elected M.E. Comp. Bruns, Deputy General Grand High Priest. They could not have conferred the honor upon one more worthy, or better qualified to fill the office.

Comp. James Birnie, in behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, very ably reviews the proceedings of eighteen Grand Bodies, Massachusetts included. "For our life," he says, "we cannot see the use of so many stated sessions; it seems to us that one annual meeting is quite sufficient for all the business which can legitimately come before a Grand Body. We may be put down by our companions of Massachusetts as 'old fogy,' but we must say that we adhere to our previous opinion on this subject."

No, we will not call him an "old fogy" for adhering to his former convictions on this subject; his heart is too young, and his words too kind to admit of such an epithet. But, my companion, we will let you into the secret. We believe, although we live in the land of the Puritans, in cultivating the social element in the Grand, as well as in the subordinate bodies, and the social advantages derived from these frequent sessions more than repays us for the extra expense and labor.

Comp. R. S. Bruns, of Charleston, was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. E. Thayer, Grand Secretary.

### TENNESSEE.

Annual Convocation at Nashville, September 29, 1869, M E. William Maxwell, Grand High Priest, presiding, with sixty-nine Chapters represented.

The address of Comp. Maxwell is brief, and relates almost wholly to local matters. Appropriate allusion is made to the death of Comp. Jonathan Huntington, P.G. High Priest, who filled many important positions in Masonry.

Attention is called to the fact that but little work is being done by the Chapters in that jurisdiction. This is attributed by the Grand High Priest partly to the "tenacity with which the Grand Chapter holds to the principle that substitution is improper," and partly to the "proximity of the Chapters, which divides up the material, so that it is found difficult to secure a sufficient number at the same time in any one Chapter." A majority of the committee on the address reported in favor of substitution. They say:—

"The committee are of the opinion that the practice of substituting has always been in vogue in this Grand Jurisdiction till within the past few years, and under such a practice the cause of R. A. Masonry prospered. They can see no just and sufficient reason why the same should not now exist, and therefore recommend the repeal of the By-Law of this Grand Chapter forbidding the practice of substitutions by subordinates."

The Grand Chapter non-concurred in the recommendation of the committee.

The above furnishes us a good opportunity to ask a few questions in regard to the opposition which has sprung up within four or five years in a minority of our Grand Chapters, to employing substitutes in the R. A. degree. Are we not in danger of becoming a little more "nice than wise" on this subject? The committee of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee say, "the practice of substituting has always been in vogue in this grand jurisdiction till within the past few years, and under such practice the cause of R. A. Masonry prospered." We want to say in behalf of Massachusetts that substitution is an old landmark—as old as R. A. Masonry in this country. It has been practised in St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter from its commencement, in 1769, to the present time. The practice of a hundred years gives it the sanctity of an old masonic landmark. The fact is, this opposition to substitution is a new notion, but not a "Boston notion."

But it is said the practice of employing substitutes is a violation of the charges and obligation. We admit that it is a violation of the strict letter of them, but not the spirit of either. The companion who becomes a substitute consents to be re-exalted; and many times it is done for the express purpose of becoming posted in the work of the degree. Now, if we carry out the "spirit of the law" in this practice, we may argue its importance on the ground of convenience,—not so much the convenience of the candidate as that of the Chapter. During the anti-masonic excitement, St. Andrew's Chapter had to employ substitutes or do no work, because there were not candidates enough in a whole year to meet the letter of the requirement. When General Joseph Warren, of revolutionary memory, received his R.A. degree in

St. Andrew's Chapter, he was the only real candidate. To obtain one or two candidates a year, at that time, was doing well. In the country it often facilitates the work to be permitted to use substitutes, especially where they have only four or five candidates in a year. It is better for the Chapters to work but one real candidate at a time, than to do no work at all, — there is more inspiration in it than in the dry rehearsal of the lectures. Then why this "tenacity" in opposition to the practice of the fathers in Masonry? Have our companions discovered any new light? Is the cause of R. A. Masonry retrogading? Let the glorious tidings from the Royal Craft in all parts of the world answer.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. George S. Blackie, M.D., Assistant Grand Secretary. He reviews with much ability the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, including the G.G. Chapter of the United States. Massachusetts receives a complimentary notice, particularly the action of the delegates at the last Triennial Convocation of the G.G. Chapter.

In his notice of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, he says: -

"The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland is now, it gives us much pleasure to announce, on terms of fraternal correspondence and full communion with our Grand Body. Our correspondence with its officers has been most cordial and friendly, and we have the pleasure to announce as its result that we have exchanged mutual representatives and proceedings. South Carolina Grand Chapter is the only one save that of Tennessee which has been thus honored by this august and ancient body. Colonel and Companion Alexander Houston, of Clarkington, near Edinburgh, has been appointed as the representative of Tennessee, and will have been received as such before these lines are in print. He would have been received at the meeting in the spring had he not been in bad health. Companion Dr. George S. Blackie has received the commission and clothing of a representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter here. The clothing is superb, and the commission is signed by J. Whyte Melville, Grand Zerubbabel, the Right Honorable the Earl of Haddington, Grand Haggai, and Lord Erskine, Grand Joshua, and confers on him the rank of a member of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The "Reporter" contains the abstract of proceedings for 1868-69. It is mainly filled with domestic detail, which would not be of interest to the companions generally. During the year, seven new Chapters had received charters, and one Mark Master Lodge a warrant. A Provincial Grand Superintendent had been appointed over the province of Aberdeen, and representatives interchanged with the sister G. Chapters of South Carolina and Tennessee. A new edition of the Supreme Chapter laws is in the course of preparation, and will be ready for distribution before long. The Grand Scribe Ezra regretted to remark a dilatoriousness on the part of many subordinate Chapters in sending their returns.

"Statistics. — There are 101 active Chapters in Scotland and the British Colonies; 11 Mark Master Lodges not attached to Chapters, and chiefly in England and Australia; 11 dormant Mark Master Lodges, all in England and Canada; 27 Chapters in arrears, and not represented; and 4 whose charters have been surrendered. The deaths of nine High Priests are reported."

M.E. John W. Hughes, of Clifton, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

### VIRGINIA

Held its Annual Convocation at Richmond, December 17, 1868, Comp. Edward H. Lane, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Twenty subordinates were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a business-like paper, and presses home upon the members the importance of exercising great care in selecting candidates, also a thorough knowledge of the work. The moral tone of the address is worthy of imitation.

Fifteen Chapters have become extinct, or failed to make returns to the Grand Chapter. Charters were issued to three new Chapters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. But they say, "After a careful perusal of all these documents, we find nothing requiring especial notice. We are much gratified at witnessing the harmony and good order prevailing throughout, and would ask a continuance of fraternal correspondence." We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed for fraternal correspondence, but we hardly know how to interpret the sentence, "We find nothing requiring especial notice." The object of a committee on Foreign Correspondence, as we under-

stand it, is not simply fraternal recognition, but an interchange of views on the fundamental principles of the Order, with a purpose to "stick to the old landmarks." How can we better accomplish this than by friendly criticism? Then, again, these reports go into the hands of the subordinate Chapters, inspiring new life and a noble emulation, as to who best can work and best agree. Companions, let us hear from the Old Dominion.

Comp. Edward H. Lane, of Louisa Court House, was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Secretary. M.E. Comp. Dove has served this Grand Chapter for half a century, and, as a testimonial of their high appreciation of his services, was presented with a beautiful gold chain and "Mark."

### VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of this State was held at Brandon, October 7, 1868, Comp. Charles A. Miles, M.E. Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-three subordinates represented.

Royal Arch Masonry is increasingly popular in Vermont, and the Grand High Priest, in his admirable address, justly expresses the fear that it may become too popular, and that we may, by its very success, lose sight of those noble ends for which it was instituted.

Comp. Miles pays a just compliment to our late Comp. E. P. Graves, of Greenfield, "who," he says, "though not living within the borders of our State, yet labored much to advance the interests of the Order in its southern part. In the death of Comp. Graves, Chapter Masonry in Massachusetts has lost one of its most ardent and enthusiastic supporters. Whenever and wherever called upon, he always cheerfully lent a helping hand to any masonic enterprise, gladly communicating light and knowledge to the seeker after truth."

We see by the address, and the action upon it, that the Grand

Chapter of Vermont is in favor of resuming its connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. This is a step in the right direction. While we have a General Grand Chapter, all the Grand Bodies should participate in its deliberations, and share in its social advantages.

Comp. Joshua Britton, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews, in a very able and courteous manner, the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, ours included.

M.E. Charles A. Miles, of Brattleboro' was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

### WISCONSIN.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Milwaukee, February 3, 1869, M.E. A. V. H. Carpenter, Grand High Priest, presiding. Thirty-eight subordinates were "entitled to representation."

The Grand High Priest delivered an address which, we will say, — without fear of being classed with the "Mutual Admiration Society," — is full of pathos and moral grandeur. The following extract is worthy of careful consideration:—

"The eyes of the world are upon us, and by our deportment, more than anything else, the world judges of the nature of the Institution. And hence, any deviations from the line of propriety are particularly noted, commented upon, and charged to the account of something wrong behind the veil which it is not permitted the uninitiated to penetrate; and therefore, secret societies are denounced as immoral, corrupt, and dangerous in their very nature; and so the noblest and best of institutions suffer through the indiscretion of, perhaps, its very best members in other respects. One of these dangers to which we, as a body and individually, are exposed, is the practice of carrying our festivities at too 'high pressure,' in some instances suffering them to extend into revels; those who entertain, seeming to think their hospitality not appreciated unless their guests partake of everything in all the profusion in which it is offered; and guests thinking their hosts niggardly, unless they invite them to participate in frequent libations. 'Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love,' are cardinal tenets of our profession - and I submit that it is neither friendly, moral, or particularly fraternal treatment of a fellowbeing, to urge him to 'put an enemy in his mouth to steal away his brains.'

Whoever cannot exercise hospitality without encouraging excess, or cannot accept of the same without getting overcome, should never give or accept an invitation to an entertainment."

Comp. William H. Norris, Jr., presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, ours included. He gives us a brief but very full and comprehensive synopsis of the doings of these Grand Bodies. In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas for 1868, which I am sorry to say we have not received, he says:—

"We find here a curious instance of masonic courtesy: An application for the Capitular degrees was rejected by a Texan Chapter, in 1864; in 1865, he removed from that State; within six months after his departure, but nearly two years after his rejection, he received the degrees in Iowa. In 1867, he sought to visit another Texan Chapter, and was refused. The Grand Chapter declares that his exaltation in Iowa gives him, under the circumstances, no rights as a Royal Arch Mason in Texas—a conclusion which we venture to say is without precedent. Either the laws of Texas are held to have an extra-territorial reach, or the real reasons for this strange doctrine are personal to the character of the visitor."

Comp. Norris offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the report on Foreign Correspondence to be completed, printed, and distributed at the opening of the next Annual Convocation.

M.E. A. V. H. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. T. Palmer, of the same city, Grand Secretary.

### STATISTICS.

If Comp. Drummond will not accuse us of purloining, we will do as our predecessor has done, take advantage of his statistical table to obtain some figures which we could not get from any other source. As we make our confession beforehand, we have no doubt he will let us off easily.

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### CONCLUSION.

As we expected at the outset, we have been intensely interested, and we trust not a little profited, in reading the proceedings of the Grand Chapters which have come into our hands. We commenced our report with some misgivings of our ability to condense and keep it within proper limits, and yet do justice to all. If we have failed, we hope our companions will exercise towards us that charity which covers a multitude of sins. We have seen much to commend and but little to censure. Some may class us among the "flatterers," but we do not plead guilty. We had rather give too much praise, than to withhold what is another's due. One may rob another's character by withholding a word of commendation when it is due him, or by detracting therefrom when he is assailed. We do not wish to be guilty of either. If we err, we prefer to err on the side of charity.

It is a fact — a glorious fact — that Royal Arch Masonry in the United States is in a very prosperous condition. The little disturbance that has existed between the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia exists no more, and now we may turn our undivided attention to the purity and harmony of our beloved Institution. It has afforded us great satisfaction to see with what earnestness some of our Grand Chapters are urging upon the members purity of character. Intemperance and profanity are pointedly and eloquently rebuked. The practical exemplification of our faith is urged as a safeguard against the attacks of our enemies. We trust that line upon line, and precept upon precept, will be given upon masonic uprightness, until we all come to unity of practice as well as unity of faith.

JOHN W. DADMUN,

Committee.

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# ELECTED DECEMBER 7, 1869.

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* Benjamin Hurd, Jr						1798, 99, 1800.
* Dudley Atkins Tyng.						1801, 2.
*TIMOTHY BIGELOW .						1803, <b>4</b> , 5.
*Isaiah Thomas						1806, 7, 8.
		•				1809.
*James Dean Hopkins .						1810, 11, 12.
* Јони Аввотт						1813, 14, 15.
* Andrew Sigourney .						1816, 17.
*James Prescott						1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage		. ^				1820, 21, 22.
* PAUL DEAN						1823, 24, 25.
* Daniel Lewis Gibbens						1826, 27, 28.
* Samuel Clark						1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske						1832, 33.
* EDWARD A. RAYMOND .					•	1834, 35, 36.
* SIMON W. ROBINSON .						1837, 38, 39.
*JOHN B HAMMATT .						1840.
* Elijah Atherton .						1841, 42, 43.
* Thomas Tolman						1844, 45.
CHARLES W. MOORE .						1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon .						1849, 50, 51.
*STEPHEN LOVELL						1852, 53, 54.
Daniel Harwood .						1855, <b>5</b> 6.
Wendell Thornton Davis	3					1857.
John McClellan						1858.
JAMES KIMBALL						1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton						1862, 63, 64.
RICHARD BRIGGS	:			•		1865, 66, 67.

<sup>\*</sup> Deceased

# PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

* Dudley Atkins Tyng				1799,	from	April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage .					,	1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf						1800.
*Simon Eliot						1801, 2.
*Benjamin Russell					. 1	803-8, 1816-20.
* HENRY FOWLE .						1808-14.
*James C. King .						1814, 15.
* SAMUEL L. KNAPP .						1820.
*Paul Dean	•					1821, 22.
* Augustus Peabody						1823-26.
*BENJAMIN HUNTOON						1826-29.
* ROBERT LASH						1829-33.
*Thomas Tolman .						1833, 1841-44
*GARDNER RUGGLES.						1834-37.
*John B. Hammatt .						1837-40.
* Elijah Atherton .				. •		1840.
*ELIAS HASKELL .						18 <b>44</b> , 45.
*RUEL BAKER						1846, 47
GILBERT NURSE .		•.				1848.
Winslow Lewis, M.D.,						1849.
* STEPHEN LOVELL .						1850, 51.
TIMOTHY INGRAHAM			٠,			1852.
E. M. P. Wells .		•				1853.
JOSEPH BEDLOW .				•		1854.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON						1855.
WILLIAM R. ALGER						1856.
TRACY P CHEEVER						1857.
*ISAAC P. SEAVY .						1858.
Wyzeman Marshall						1859.
Solon Thornton .						1860.
RICHARD BRIGGS .						1861.
Albert H. Kirkham				•		1862.
				٠.		1863.
CALEB RAND						1864.
JOHN W. DADMUN .						1865.
						1866.
Benjamin Lewis .				•		1867.

# PAST GRAND KINGS.

* Dudley Atkins Tyng	•	•			•				1798.
*James Harrison .									1799.
* WILLIAM McKEEN .									1800.
* Charles Jackson .									1801.
*BENJAMIN RUSSELL									1802.
*GILMAN WHITE .									1803, 4.
*DAVID COFFIN, Jr									1805.
* Amos Tappan				•					1806.
*OLIVER PRESCOTT .									1807, 8.
* WILLIAM WOART .									1809, 10.
* Јони Аввотт .									1811, 12.
* SAMUEL L. KNAPP .									1813, 14.
* HENRY FOWLE .									1815.
* James C. King .									1816, 17.
*Joseph Brown .			•						1818.
*Robert Lash .									1819.
* CALEB BUTLER .	•								1820-22.
* HENRY WHIPPLE .			• .						1823.
* Daniel Lewis Gibben	8		.•						1824, 25.
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD									1826-28.
* CHARLES TRAIN .									1829-31.
*Edward A. Raymond								• •	1832, 33.
* WILLIAM WHITING									1834, 35.
*Simon W. Robinson						•			1836.
* Elijah Atherton								•	1837-40.
* Enoch Hobart .									1840.
*John R. Bradford									1841-43.
CHARLES W. MOORE									1844, 45.
GILBERT NURSE .									1846, 47
WILLIAM EATON .									1848.
* Lucein B. Keith .									1849.
SAMUEL MILLARD								:	1850, 51.
John Flint									1852.
* James W. Crooks .									1853.
EBENEZER W. TOLMAN									1854.
* Jonathan G. Johnson			•				•		1855.
Wendell Thornton D	) A V I S								1856.
WILLIAM PARKMAN									1857.
WILLIAM H. L. SMITH									1858.
Werran W David									1850

* SYLVESTER BAXTER									1860.
WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFE	•								1861.
CHARLES C. DAME .				٠.			. •		1862.
HENRY CHICKERING									1863.
Albert E. Foth .					•				1864.
Albert E. Foth . David W. Crafts .			:						1865.
HENRY ENDICOTT .				•					1866.
Daniel W. Lawrence									1867.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM									1868.
PA	ST	GRA	AND	SCI	RIBI	ES.			
*James Harrison .									1798.
* Joshua Greenleaf									1799.
* Charles Jackson .									1800.
*Benjamin Russell .									1801.
* Stephen Howard .									1802.
* ABRAHAM PERKINS .									1803, 4.
* SAMUEL A. OTIS .									1805.
# LINES DEAN HODEINS									1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.									1807, 8.
* Thomas Jackson .									1809.
*Sumner Barstow .									1810.
* Henry Purkett .					٠.				1811.
*Edward Turner .									1812.
* Andrew Sigourney									1813, 14.
* Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.									1815.
* Joseph Brown .									1816, 17.
* ROBERT LASH									1818.
* JAMES MODSE									1919, 20.
* Roswell Lee	-								1821.
*DANIEL BAXTER									1822.
* DANIEL LEWIS GIBBE	18								1823.
* JOHN JAMES LORING								•	1824, 25
*SAMUEL CLARK .									1826-29
* CHARLES WELLS .									1829-32
* WILLIAM WHITING .									· 1833.
* Simon W. Robinson									1834, 35
									1836.
* Enoch Hobart .	•								1837-39
* John R. Bradford									1840.
*ROBERT KEITH .									1841-43
*RUPL BAKER						_	_		1844 45

*Lucien B. Keith .						1848.
SAMUEL MILLARD .						1849.
* HENRY EARL						1850, 51.
Jonas A. Marshall						1852.
* HORACE CHENERY .						1853.
JOHN McCLELLAN .				•	.•	1854.
ABRAHAM A. DAME		. 4				1855.
John Andrews .						1856.
JOEL SPALDING .						1857.
JAMES KIMBALL .						1858.
HENRY GODDARD .						1859.
GEORGE SHERWIN .						1860.
GEORGE TALBOT .						1861.
Moses H. Fowler .						<b>1862.</b>
JOHN N. PIKE .						1863.
WANTON T. DREW						1864.
MARLBOROUGH WILL	IAM8					1865.
RUFUS S. POPE .						1866.
LYMAN B. MESTON .						1867.
CHARLES H. NORRIS		_				1868.

# ABSTRACT

#### FROM THE

# Returns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1869,

#### WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5869.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN					High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. ROMNEY					King.
E. WILLIAM S. HILLS .					Scribe.
WILLIAM F. PEIRCE .					Captain of the Host.
Joseph N. Peirce, Jr					Principal Sojourner.
GIDEON T MANSFIELD .				• •	Royal Arch Captain.
WOOSTER B. MAYHEW .					Master Third Veil.
SERANUS BOWEN	•				Master Second Veil.
GEORGE S. EASTMAN .					Master First Veil.
John McClellan					Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN .					Secretary.
Solon Thornton					Assistant Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson			• '		Chaplain.
EDWARD J. LONG					Senior Steward.
WILLIAM O. CLOUGH .		٠.			Junior Steward.
GEORGE H. PIKE					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 404; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$87.

# KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

#### A.L. 5790.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Enoch G. Currie	R				High Priest.
E. DAVID J. ADAMS					King.
E. Gamaliel Hodges					Scribe.
JOHN M. CARTER .					Captain of the Host.
George H. Stevens					Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH E. KIMBALL					Royal Arch Captain.
JOHN E. KIMBALL .					Master Third Veil.
LAWRENCE B. CUSHING				•	Master Second Veil.
EDWARD A. MOSELEY	• .				Master First Veil.
NATHAN A. MOULTON					Treasurer.
JAMES W. CHENEY					Secretary.
O. S. BUTLER		•			Chaplain.
SAMUEL NOYES .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full Moon.

Present number of Members, 111; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$21.

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

#### A.L. 5811.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ISRAEL S. LEE		٠.			High Priest.
E. Robert Chase .					King.
E. DAVID ROBERTS					 Scribe.
WILLIAM BABSON .				•	Captain of the Host.
GEORGE W. S. ROLLINS					Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES E. GETCHELL					Royal Arch Captain.
JONATHAN DAVIS .					Master Third Veil.
EDWARD A. DANIELLS					Master Second Veil.
JAMES S. NEWHALL					Master First Veil.
ALVAH KENDALL .					Treasurer.
WILLIAM ARCHER .					Secretary.
JOSEPH KIDDER .					Chaplain.
DAVID J. PRESTON					Senior Steward.
JOSEPH A. BOYDEN					Junior Steward.
WILLIAM L. BATCHELD	ER.				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 195; Candidates exalted, 24; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$78.

## ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5816.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN A. LEE					High Priest.
E. ALBERT H. W. CARP	ENTI	ER			King.
E. WILLIAM W. ARNOL	D				Scribe.
A. H. Howland, Jr.					Captain of the Host.
THOMAS B. TRIPP					Principal Sojourner.
BENJAMIN S. JENKINS					Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES W. LAWRENCE					Master Third Veil.
JOB A. T. EDDY .					Master Second Veil.
JAMES L SHERMAN					Master First Veil.
EDWARD STETSON .					Treasurer.
H. WILDER EMERSON					Secretary.
JAMES TAYLOR .					Chaplain.
WILLIAM A. SEARELL				•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 299; Candidates exalted, 25; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$80.

## MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

## A.L. 5819.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. RICHARD H. BAIL	EΥ			High Priest.
E. P. B. SPOONER .				King.
E. WILLIAM A. SHAW				Scribe.
WILLIAM A. FULLER				Captain of the Host.
E. W. CLARKE .				Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES TAYLOR .				Royal Arch Captain.
A. C. Russell .				Master Third Veil.
CHARLES E. EVANS				Master Second Veil.
P. P. BAILEY				Master First Veil.
H. S. LEE				Treasurer.
JOSEPH E. COOLIDGE				Secretary.
G. H. McKnight .				Chaplain.
GEORGE D. ROLLINS				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 301; Candidates exalted, 34; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$108.

## FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

No return.

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## SAINT PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5818.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. FREDERICK	A. Pi	ERCE		•			High Priest.
E. James A. Fox							King.
E. A. K. BRYER							Scribe.
SAMUEL W. GREEN	NE						Captain of the Host.
HENRY WARREN						•	Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES A. HAYD	EN						Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES MILLS							Master Third Veil.
JOHN T. KIMBALL							Master Second Veil.
CHARLES A. BURG	ESS						Master First Veil.
JOHN K. HALL							Treasurer.
THEODORE H. EM	ions		,				Secretary.
, SAMUEL KELLEY							Chaplain.
WILLIAM SAWYER							Senior Steward.
THOMAS R. JACOBS	3						Junior Steward.
GEORGE H. PIKE							Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 346; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$51.

## MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A.L. 5820.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. A. St. John Chambre			High Priest.
E. Enoch P. Davis .			King.
E. R. F. WILCOX			Scribe.
F. J. SAWYER			Captain of the Host.
BENJAMIN WARD, Jr			Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE F. WALKER .			Royal Arch Captain.
Joshua Britton			Master Third Veil.
JOHN F. CALDWELL .			Master Second Veil.
HENRY C. ADAMS	• .		Master First Veil.
J. F. Ellis			Treasurer.
Washington Tower, Jr.			Secretary.
AZEL CAPEN			Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 79; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39.

## THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

A.L. 5821.

No return.

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## WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

#### A.L. 5823.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Joseph B. Knox				High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. BEMIS				King.
E. DANIEL SEAGRAVE				Scribe.
HENRY C. WADSWORTH				Captain of the Host.
GEORGE F. WOOD .				Principal Sojourner.
NOEL E. CONVERSE				Royal Arch Captain.
EDWIN S. PIKE .				
CHARLES W. MOODY				Master Second Veil.
JUSTIN E. WOOD .		. •		Master First Veil.
CHARLES H. FITCH				Treasurer.
HENRY W. REED .				Secretary.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 226; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chaper, \$58.

## MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

#### A.L. 5824.

#### OFFICERS.

1	M.E. George E. S	TACY			:		High Priest.
]	E. James R. Davis	3					King.
]	E. C. C. SMITH						Scribe.
4	A. A. Burrill						Captain of the Host.
1	LEONARD FAIRBAN	KS			•		Principal Sojourner.
	JAMES M. WOODS						Royal Arch Captain.
]	Е. Г. Ногвгоок						Master Third Veil.
(	C. W. Shippee						Master Second Veil.
ė	J. C. Bradford						Master First Veil.
]	LEONARD HUNT						Treasurer.
į	JAMES S. SLATER						Secretary.
(	GEORGE S. BALL						Chaplain.
4	A. HASTINGS .		٠.				Senior Steward.
8	S. Matthewson						Junior Steward.
	John M. Woods			•			Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday following Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 154; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

## NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN A. PRENTISS	,			High Priest.
E. AARON C. BARTON				King.
E. HENRY W. MORGAN				Scribe.
STEPHEN B. FULLER				Captain of the Host.
JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS				Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM C. POMEROY				Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE S. PHELPS				Master Third Veil.
ALVIN RUST				Master Second Veil.
J. O. MARTIN				Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright, Jr.		•.		Treasurer.
FRED. W. CLARK .				Secretary.
I. H. Mansfield .				Chaplain.
WILLIAM M. WEATHERI	ELL			Senior Steward.
IRA H. STEVENS .				Junior Steward.
D. B. WHITCOMB, Jr.				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 119; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

## CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Josiah	H. Tı	EMPL:	E			High Priest.
E ABIAL S. I	EWIS	3				King.
E. WILLIAM I	HASTI	NGS				Scribe.
FRANKLIN H.	SPRA	GUE				Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM H. O	CHEN	ERY				Principal Sojourner.
EDGAR POTTE	R					Royal Arch Captain.
JOSEPH C. CL	OYES					Master Third Veil.
D. O. Frost						Master Second Veil.
EDWARD CLO	UGH					Master First Veil.
ADAM HEMEN	WAY					Treasurer.
C. J. Frost	. •					Secretary.
G. G. Jones						Chaplain.
J. H. REED						Senior Steward.
F. A. Tower						Junior Steward.
FRED. COE						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 39; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15.

## MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

#### A.L. 5826.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. FREDERICK FRYE		•			High Priest.
E. NATHANIEL C. SANBO	ORN				King.
E. Alonzo K. Lynch					Scribe.
ARTHUR G. POLLARD					Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL S. FULLER					Principal Sojourner.
ALFRED H. CHASE					Royal Arch Captain.
ALBERT A. HAGGETT					Master Third Veil.
JOHN C. BLOOD .					Master Second Veil.
SAMUEL C. EATON .					Master First Veil.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM					Treasurer.
RICHARD W. BAKER					Secretary.
T. L. P. LAMSON .					Chaplain.
HIRAM N. HALL .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 192; Candidates exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$42.

# SAINT JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5854.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. E. C. CHAMBERLIN		•		•	•	High Priest.
E. JAMES SMITH .						King.
E. SIMEON CRAGIN						Scribe.
PHILANDER NUTTER						Captain of the Host.
GEORGE F. HOSEA					•	Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES H. PEPPER						Royal Arch Captain.
GILBERT R. BARTLETT						Master Third Veil.
ISAAC MCALLASTER						Master Second Veil.
HENRY LANDT .						Master First Veil.
SAMUEL L. FOWLE .						Treasurer.
HEZEKIAH MAYO .			•			Secretary.
WILLIAM H. LEWIS						Chaplain.
ELI C. WOOD .						Senior Steward.
CHARLES H. SCOLLEY						Junior Steward.
SAMUEL W. GLEASON						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 176; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$57.

# CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

#### A.L. 5855.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES M. AVER	RY						High Priest.
E. CHARLES T. GAY							King.
E. George H. Rice							Scribe.
JAMES TENT							Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM D. SEELY							Principal Sojourner.
PHILIP G. ILSLEY .							Royal Arch Captain.
SIMEON C. WILLIAMS							Master Third Veil.
HENRY T. HOLMES					•		Master Second Veil.
JOHN H. ROBERTS			•		•		Master First Veil.
SLADE LUTHER .							Treasurer.
GEORGE W. VOSE .							Secretary.
Rev. Charles H. Leon	ARD						Chaplain.
GEORGE W. LANE .					•		Senior Steward.
CHARLES S. BEATLEY		•					Junior Steward.
Amos Seavey .			•	•		•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 187; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$54.

## ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

## A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

PE							High Priest.
ER,	Jr.					٠.	King.
							Scribe.
							Captain of the Host.
							Principal Sojourner.
							Royal Arch Captain.
							Master Third Veil.
							Master Second Veil.
							Master First Veil.
			·				Treasurer.
							Secretary.
				•			Chaplain.
							Tyler.
	ER,	ER, Jr	er, Jr	er, Jr	er, Jr	er, Jr	ER, Jr

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 76; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

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# PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

A.L. 5856.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. DAVID B. TENNEY					High Priest.
E. PLUMMER W. SANBOR	RN				King.
E. BENJAMIN F. LEIGHT	ON	. ,			Scribe.
CHARLES T. CHASE		•			Captain of the Host.
BENJAMIN F. DARLING					Principal Sojourner.
JAMES W. P. SMITH					Royal Arch Captain.
HENRY O BURR .					Master Third Veil.
JOSEPH A. GAGE .					· Master Second Veil.
GEORGE W. ROLLINS					Master First Veil.
JAMES E. GALE .					Treasurer.
CHARLES BLANCHARD					Secretary.
Rev. JASON MARINER					Chaplain.
CORYDON H. FELLOWS					Senior Steward.
CHARLES H. JOHNSON					Junior Steward.
DANIEL F. SMITH .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 147; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

# BERRSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

A.L. 5858.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. LIBBEUS SCOTT					High Priest.
E. DAVID A. CLARY	٠.				King.
E. WILLIAM D. AXT	EL .				Scribe.
WILLIAM H. MURRA	Υ.				Captain of the Host.
SAMUEL H. ALMY .					Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE C. DUNHAM				•	Royal Arch Captain.
E. C. CRAFTS					Master Third Veil.
H. S. New					Master Second Veil.
JACOB L. GREEN .					Master First Veil.
TRUMAN E. COLE .					Treasurer.
H. S. Russell .					Secretary.
JOHN C. PARKER .					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 84; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15.

## KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER.

A.L. 5858.

No return.

# KEYSTONE CHAPTÈR, FOXBOROUGH.

#### A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. SAMUEL S. GINNO	DO			High Priest.
E. DANIEL B. WHITTIE	ER			King.
E. CHARLES H. SAWYER	R			Scribe.
CARMI RICHMOND .				Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM B. CROCKER				Principal Sojourner.
GEORGE C. FORREST				Royal Arch Captain.
JOSEPH WILSON .				Master Third Veil.
E. COPELAND FALES				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES A. BLAKE				Master First Veil.
WILLIAM CARPENTER				Treasurer.
JAMES E. CARPENTER				Secretary.
John M. Merrick				Chaplain.
L. PORTER FAUGHT				Senior Steward.
MICHAEL RYAN .				Junior Steward.
ALBERT A. WILMARTH				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 78; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$54.

## MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

## A.L. 5860.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN HAIGH .					High Priest.
E. DANIEL NASON .					King.
E. N. A. Bishop .					Scribe.
A. A. CURRIER .					Captain of the Host.
THOMAS LELAND .					Principal Sojourner.
E. H. SAFFORD .					Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN BOOTH .					Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM F. FARNHA	M				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES S. COBURN					Master First Veil.
RUFUS REED					Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson .					Secretary.
LOUIS WIEL					Senior Steward.
JOSEPH N. TAYLOR					Junior Steward.
G. W. WATERHOUSE					Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 146; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$36.

## PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

#### A.L. 5862.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. WILLIAM H. DAVI	18			High Priest.
E. Cyrus Morton, Jr.		.•		King.
E. B. SANFORD, Jr				Scribe.
H. F. COPELAND .				Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM H. MAINE				Principal Sojourner.
S. S. Bradford .				Royal Arch Captain.
FRANKLIN P. HARLOW				Master Third Veil.
PRESCOTT LOTHROP				Master Second Veil.
FRANCIS M. FRENCH				Master First Veil.
Benjamin L. Nash				Treasurer.
E. M. Nash				Secretary.
Rev. F. P. HOWLAND				Chaplain.
GEORGE A. BEAL .				Senior Steward.
GEORGE A. PEARSON				Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 177; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

## WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

## A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. THOMAS WINSHIP				High Priest.
E. CHARLES C. DIKE				King.
E. OSGOOD W. UPHAM				Scribe.
SAMUEL TIDD				Captain of the Host.
GEORGE F. CLAPP .				Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT J. CHUTE .				Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE L. W. DIKE				Master Third Veil.
H. H. D. Cushing .				Master Second Veil.
Joseph Tonks .				Master First Veil.
JOHN B. GILLETT .				Treasurer.
WALTER LITTLEFIELD				Secretary.
WILLIAM S. BARNES			,	Chaplain.
O. S. EDGERLY .				Senior Steward.
RUFUS LEAVITT .			•	Junior Steward.
SMITH W. NICHOLS		•		Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 324; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

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## SAINT MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. FREDERICK G. WA	LBR	DGE		•	High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN T. WELLS					King.
E. PARKER C. BURBANK					Scribe.
RALPH CROCKER, Jr.					Captain of the Host.
ETHAN R. CHENEY					Principal Sojourner.
LENDALL F. TARBETT					Royal Arch Captain.
JOSEPH R. GROSE .					Master Third Veil.
JOHN Q. A. HOLBROOK					Master Second Veil.
GEORGE S. CARPENTER					Master First Veil.
HORACE SMITH .					Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio .					Secretary.
J. I. T. COOLIDGE .					Chaplain.
WILLIAM D. ROCKWOOD	)				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 137; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$48.

## HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

## A.L. 5863.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. JAMES B. SHA	$\mathbf{w}$				High Priest.
E. MARSHALL FOX					King.
E. JOHN E. CRANE					Scribe.
G. B. KENNERSON		•			Captain of the Host
Andrew Pinney					Principal Sojourner.
H. H. FALES .		•			Royal Arch Captain.
A. B. COWAN .					Master Third Veil.
F. J. WASSUM.					Master Second Veil.
M. SEDGWICK.					Master First Veil.
S. W. SHUMWAY					Treasurer.
H. H. SANDERS					Secretary.
C. F. FOSTER .					Chaplain.
F. G. SEDGWICK					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 66; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$27.

# MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

#### A.L. 5869.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ALFRED HASKELL							High Priest.
E. S. B. HARRINGTON							King.
E. A. B. Morss .							Scribe.
JAMES P. RICHARDSON							Captain of the Host.
CHARLES D. ARCHIBALI	•						Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH R. KENDALL							Royal Arch Captain.
GEORGE W. SPURR							Master Third Veil.
ISAAC B. KENDALL							Master Second Veil.
A. D. Morse							Master First Veil.
GEORGE B. GREEN .							Treasurer.
PARKER R. LITCHFIELD							Secretary.
B H. Davis,							
HENRY C. DELONG,	•	•	•	•	•	•	Chaplains.
BENJAMIN PACE .	•	•		•		•	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 128; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$75.

## SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

#### A.L. 5863.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. Alonzo C. Blethe	EN				High Priest.
E. CHARLES HEALEY					King.
E. DAVID NEWHALL .					Scribe.
ELBRIDGE B. STAPLES .					Captain of the Host.
JOHN C. MYER					Principal Sojourner.
JOSHUA C. ELDRED					Royal Arch Captain.
NATHAN B. FLETCHER .		•			Master Third Veil.
EBEN BECKFORD .					Master Second Veil.
SYLVESTER B. BREED					Master First Veil.
GEORGE B. TOLMAN					Treasurer.
HENRY C. OLIVER .					Secretary.
DANIEL A. SUTHERLAND					Senior Steward.
CHARLES P. BERRY					Junior Steward.
STEPHEN H. SAWTELL					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 84; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$57.

## FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ROBERT HENRY	<b>T</b>	•	,			High Priest.
E. HENRY PADDOCK	•	,				King.
E. L. D. WILBUR .						Scribe.
H. C. HARRINGTON .					•	Captain of the Host.
THOMAS G. ESTEE .						Principal Sojourner.
Andrew H. Speedi	E					Royal Arch Captain.
E. P. PEARCE						Master Third Veil.
J. C. RAMSEY						Master Second Veil.
W. Whitworth .						Master First Veil.
A. L. WESTGATE .						Treasurer.
THOMAS L. BRAYTON	N					Secretary.
JOHN DUNCAN						Chaplain.
JAMES DAVIS						Senior Steward.
MASON FISHER .						Junior Steward.
WILLIAM PRESTON						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 130; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39.

## CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

## A.L. 5864.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES HARRIS					High Priest.
E. HIRAM L. CHASE					King.
E. SAMUEL M. DAVIS					Scribe.
HORACE W. FULLER					Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM J. DOWD.					Principal Sojourner.
ALFRED WHITMAN .					Royal Arch Captain.
JAMES E. HALL .					Master Third Veil.
WILLIAM L. LATHROP	•				Master Second Veil.
TRUE SCALES			•		Master First Veil.
GEORGE P. CARTER		•			Treasurer.
SEYMOUR B. Snow		٠.			Secretary.
Rev E. B. Chase .					Chaplain.
WILLIAM DAILEY .					Senior Steward.
GEORGE L. CADE .				•	Junior Steward.
EBEN TOWLE					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 145; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$63.

## WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

#### A.L. 5864.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. ROBERT L. DAVIS					High Priest.
E. HENRY W. HARTWEI	L		• .		King.
E. GEORGE A. BATES					Scribe.
NATHAN S. WHITNEY					Captain of the Host.
CHARLES W. STONE					Principal Sojourner.
JOHN E. WHITCOMB					Royal Arch Captain.
KENNETH M. DEANE					Master Third Veil.
HENRY N. FISHER .					Master Second Veil.
JAMES B. FULLER .					Master First Veil.
CHESTER H. GRAVES					Treasurer.
CHARLES C. BILLS .					Secretary.
LEONARD P. FROST					Chaplain.
CHARLES A. BRACKETT					Senior Steward.
FRANK P. PRATT .					Junior Steward.
HOBART T. GEROULD					Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 118; Candidates exalted, 11; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$39.

## SAINT MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

## A.L. 5865.

## OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES F. JOHNSON				• ′	High Priest.
E. Edward Mott					King.
E. CHARLES F. EDDY .					Scribe.
TIMOTHY C. BAKER .					Captain of the Host.
L. O. BARNARD					Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM B. PRESBREY.					Royal Arch Captain.
B. F. BAKER					Master Third Veil.
B. C. PEIRCE					Master Second Veil.
M. F. Pike					Master First Veil.
CHARLES LAWTON					Treasurer.
EDWIN A. DAVY					Secretary.
WILLIAM H. BROWN .			•		Chaplain.
ZEBA F. BLISS	• •				Senior Steward.
J. M. Lincoln					Junior Steward.
George A. Dunham .					Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Monday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 120; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

## MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. R. S. HOWARD				Acting High Priest.
E. (Vacant)		٠.	٠.	King.
E. "				Scribe.
O. S. TUTTLE .				Captain of the Host.
CYRUS L. FRINK .	•			Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT B. JOHNSON			•	Royal Arch Captain.
ALLAN HIGGINBOTTOM				Master Third Veil.
A. L. SHUMWAY .				Master Second Veil.
CHARLES ELY .				Master First Veil.
GEORGE W. PRENTISS				Treasurer.
CHARLES H. LYMAN		•		Secretary.
M. W. PRENTISS .				Chaplain.
PHILANDER MOORE				Senior Steward.
WILLIAM RUDDY .				Junior Steward.
BENJAMIN F. LINCOLN				Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 50; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$15.

## MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, BOSTON.

#### A.L. 5865.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. CHARLES J. DAI	NFOR'	TH.	•		High Priest.
E. Joshua H. Putna:	м.				King.
E. EBENEZER ADAMS					Scribe.
GEORGE RICHARDS					Captain of the Host.
Julius Bacon .					Principal Sojourner.
C. C. CHICKERING .					Royal Arch Captain.
Joseph Houghton					Master Third Veil.
R. G. MOLINEUX .					Master Second Veil.
F. H. King			. •		Master First Veil.
R. W. Molineux .				٠.	Treasurer.
J. GARDNER CURTIS					Secretary.
Е. G. Scотт					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 90; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$60.

## CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

#### A.L. 5865.

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M.E. DANIEL UPTON	ī	•			•	High Priest.
E. John M. Morin					•	King.
E. E. F. NICKERSON		•				Scribe.
J. C. CHALMERS .						Captain of the Host.
D. D. Bowen						Principal Sojourner.
JAMES RENFREW, Jr.						Royal Arch Captain.
C. M. DEAN						Master Third Veil.
S. F. HOWLAND .						Master Second Veil.
GEORGE W. ADAMS						Master First Veil.
D. J. DEAN						Treasurer.
H. H. WELLINGTON						Secretary.
Lewis Jessup .						Chaplain.
L. J. FOLLETT .						Senior Steward.
James Osborn .						Junior Steward.
E. Burlingame						Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 38; Candidates exalted, 0; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$6.

## UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

A.L. 5866.

No return.

## SAINT STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

# A.L. 5866.

	O.F	. T. T (	, K. K.	, ,		
M.E. WILLIAM SAYWARD						High Priest.
E. WILLIAM T. ADAMS .						King.
E. SAMUEL B. HILDRETH						Scribe.
NELSON N. FARRAR .						Captain of the Host.
LUCIUS H. DWELLEY .			•			Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH H. BEAL						Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM H. WEST .						Master Third Veil.
COOLIDGE BARNARD .						Master Second Veil.
CHARLES A. BURDETT .						Master First Veil.
HENRY HALL						Treasurer.
THOMAS F. TEMPLE .						Secretary.
J. H. UPHAM, }						Chaplains.
P. Ruggles,	•	•	•	•	•	Chapianis.
S. W. HAYDEN						Senior Steward.
A. A. SEAVERNS						Junior Steward.
BENJAMIN C. BIRD .						Tyler.
Regular M	eeting	s, Tu	esday	after	Full :	Moon.
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ter, \$30.

Present number of Members, 53; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chap. \$30.

## MENOTOMY CHAPTER, ARLINGTON.

A.L. 5866.

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٠.					High Priest.
					King.
					Scribe.
					Captain of the Host.
					Principal Sojourner.
	•				Royal Arch Captain.
		:			Master Third Veil.
					Master Second Veil.
					Master First Veil.
					Treasurer.
					Secretary.
					Chaplain.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Tyler.

JAMES BASTON

Present number of Members, 77; Candidates exalted, 9; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$33.

## WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

A.L. 5866. No return.

## HOUGHTON CHAPTER, MARLBOROUGH.

A.L. 5867.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. BURLEIGH MORSE .				High Priest.
E. WILLIAM E. C. WORCES	TER			King.
E. NATHAN S. CHAMBERLAI	N.			Scribe.
MARSHALL P. ROGERS .				Captain of the Host
CHARLES F. MORSE .				Principal Sojourner.
EDWIN A. BRADLEY .				Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN F. SMITH .			•	Master Third Veil.
C. D. HUNTER				Master Second Veil.
GEORGE E. SHERMAN .				Master First Veil.
MARTIN DADMUN				Treasurer.
JOHN F. COTTING				Secretary.
Rev. WILLIAM A. START				Chaplain.
EDWIN F. LONGLEY .				Senior Steward.
LAFAYETTE DADMUN .				Junior Steward.
SIDNEY BRIGHAM				Tyler.
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Regular Meetings, Friday on or succeeding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, ; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$45.

## ISLE OF THE SEA CHAPTER, NANTUCKET.

A.L. 5867.

No return.

## PARKER CHAPTER, NATICK.

A.L. 5868.

No return.

## CHAPTER OF THE SIGNET, CHARLESTOWN.

#### A.L. 5868.

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. GEORGE H. MARDI	en				High Priest.
E. GIDEON HAYNES					King.
E. WILLIAM H. KENT					Scribe.
DANIEL E. CHASE .					Captain of the Host.
John E. Harden .					Principal Sojourner.
CHARLES W. SAWYER					Royal Arch Captain.
HOWARD F. BOWE.					Master Third Veil.
E. S. WAIT					Master Second Veil.
J. W. TALBOT					Master First Veil.
GEORGE P. KETTELL					Treasurer.
JAMES W. POOR .			٠.		Secretary.
Rev. J. H. TWOMBLY					Chaplain.
JOSEPH E. BRAY .					Senior Steward.
GEORGE W. GRIFFIN					Junior Steward.
George H. Marden, Jr					Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 97; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, \$64.

## SAMOSET CHAPTER, PLYMOUTH.

A.L. 5868. (U.D.)

#### OFFICERS.

ME. WILLIAM SEAVER DANFOR	TH		•	High Priest.
E. CHARLES CABROLL DOTEN				King.
E. George Sylvester Ryder				Scribe.
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# JOSEPH WARREN CHAPTER, PROVINCETOWN.

## A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

#### OFFICERS.

M.E. JEREMIAH STONE				High Priest.
E. Joseph P. Johnson				King.
E. CHARLES YOUNG				Scribe.

## NEWTON CHAPTER, NEWTON.

## A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

M.E. Adin B. Underwood				High Priest.
E. CEPHAS BRIGHAM .				King.
E. GEORGE E. BRIDGES .	_	_		Scribe.

## CLINTON CHAPTER, CLINTON.

#### A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

M.E. A. A. BURDITT		•	•	High Priest.
E. HENRY H. BIGELOW				King.
E. C. L. S. HAMMOND				Scribe.

## SYLVESTER BAXTER CHAPTER, WEST HARWICH.

#### A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

M.E. NEHEMIAH D. KELLEY			High Priest
E. Joseph K. Baxter, Jr.			King.
E. ABIATHER DOANE .			Scribe.

## SATUCKET CHAPTER, NORTH BRIDGEWATER.

#### A.L. 5869. (U.D.)

M.E. B. SANFORD, Jr.				High Pries
E. C. C. BIXBY .				King.
E FRANCIS M FRENCH				Scribe.

# ABSTRACT

OF THE

# RETURNS OF THE CHAPTERS FOR 1869.

СНАН	TI	ER	s.					Members.	Exaltations	Dimissions.	Suspensions.	Deaths.
St. Andrew's .						_		404	27	19		4
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MORNING STAR .								301	34	1		3
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WAVERLY	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	324	19	6		1
SAINT MATTHEW'S	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	137	14	1		1
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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
1868.

## CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE FIRST.

#### OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the United States of America, which shall be holden triennially, at such place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose, and at which time the General Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot, and installed, except the General Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter, at any regular meeting, may change the time for the next succeeding meeting; and if, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or absence, of the Senior General Grand Officer, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular meeting to some subsequent time; and, in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SECT. 2. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are expressly granted and delegated to it by them, or as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the confederation between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to R. A. Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics, and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage, and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, by formal vote; and its decision so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not

one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several Degrees, and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction, in any State, District, or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any wilful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall SECT. 3. consist of a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. These, together with the first four officers, and all Past Grand High Priests, of every State Grand Chapter under this jurisdiction, or the proxies of the first four General Grand Officers, and of the first four officers of each State Grand Chapter aforesaid, shall compose the General Grand Chapter: Provided, That any Chapter under this jurisdiction, in any State, District, or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers shall collectively have one vote.

SECT. 4. On all questions to be decided by the General

Grand Chapter, each State Grand Chapter shall be entitled to four votes by its representative or representatives. If there be but two representatives, the inferior officer, or his proxy, shall give but his own single vote, and the higher, or his proxy, shall give the other three. If there be three representatives, the highest officer, or his proxy, shall give two votes, and the others, or their proxies, one each.

The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote; and no General Grand Officer shall be allowed to take a seat in the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of any State Grand Chapter, nor shall any member of the General Grand Chapter be permitted to vote as proxy while the person giving the proxy is present; nor shall any person be admitted into the General Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one State Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

- SECT. 5. The General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest shall have authority to call a special meeting of the General Grand Chapter whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary; and it shall be their duty so to do when properly requested by a majority of the State Grand Chapters, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.
- SECT. 6. The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations, for a limited length of time, for new Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of the appendant Orders, in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory in which there is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when in their opinion

the good of the Craft may require the same, which term of time shall in no case extend beyond the close of the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter; but no new Chapter shall be established in any State, Country, Republic, or Territory where there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance, under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located; and in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, and make report of the same at the next triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter, when the General Grand Chapter may grant the said Chapter a Charter.

SECT. 7. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter with subordinate degrees shall be ninety dollars, and no more; and no credit shall be given for Dispensations or Charters, or for conferring the degrees, in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction. And every Chapter holden by Dispensation or Charter under this jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars for each Companion therein exalted, until such a time as a Grand Chapter shall be regularly established in the State, Country, Republic, or Territory in which such Subordinate Chapter is located. The Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter.

The fees in the several States for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason shall not be less than twenty dollars.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand

King, and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons; to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures and Ancient Charges; to consult with each other, and with the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters aforesaid, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges. And the better to accomplish this laudable object, the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent Master, Mark, and Past Master Masons throughout the said States, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

SECT. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so called, degrees.

SECT. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place; unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

SECT. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, all questions

(except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require a unanimous ballot) shall be considered and determined in such way and manner as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find most conducive to their harmony and permanent prosperity: *Provided*, they do not in any case interfere with or infringe on the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

- SECT. 12. The General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter shall have and keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.
- SECT. 13. Should any casualty, at any time hereafter, prevent the triennial election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified.
- SECT. 14. An appeal shall in all cases lie to the General Grand Chapter from the decision of the M.E. General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decisions shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it is otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

## ARTICLE SECOND.

#### OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The State Grand Chapters shall severally consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respec-

tively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the said Grand Chapters; and the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper: *Provided* such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution.

- SECT. 2. The State Grand Chapters shall severally be holden once in every year, and oftener if they may consider it expedient or necessary, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct; and, at their annual meetings, the constitutional officers shall be elected or appointed in such manner as shall be provided for by their rules and regulations, and installed into their respective offices; and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, for the time being, may call special meetings, to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper.
- SECT. 3. The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, within their respective jurisdictions, to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals and the signs manual of their respective Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, attested by their respective Grand Secretaries, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within their respective jurisdictions; but their jurisdiction shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State, except by consent of the General Grand Chapter.

- SECT. 4. The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant letters of Dispensation under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the qualifications required by the 7th Section of the Second Article of this Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time: Provided, that the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State in which such Dispensation shall be granted: And provided further, that the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Charters shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of his jurisdiction, when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter of Constitution. And in case such Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their appliaction.
- SECT. 5. No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
- SECT. 6. The Grand Chapters shall have power, severally, to require from the several Chapters under their respective

jurisdictions such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as by their ordinances or regulations shall be appointed; all which said sums or dues shall be made good and paid annually by the said Chapters, respectively, over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter under which they hold their authority, on or before the first day of the respective annual meetings of the several Grand Chapters.

- SECT. 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a Dispensation or Charter be granted them.
- SECT. 8. The Grand Secretaries of the State Grand Chapters shall, severally, make an annual communication to each other, and also to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretaries shall also regularly transmit to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter a copy of all their By-Laws and Regulations, and also a copy of their proceedings, annually, to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter; and the State Grand Chapters shall see that their Secretaries faithfully and punctually perform this duty.
- SECT. 9. Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any State, Country,

Republic, or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established, so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: *Provided*, that the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Grand Chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary — not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SECT. 10. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any State Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of a Subordinate Chapter under that jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE THIRD.

## OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Dispensation, as is provided in Section 6 of Article First, or Section 4 of Article Second, of this Constitution, or Charter from the General Grand Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter, or any member of it, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened, or holden without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which

was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, on the 27th day of January, A.D. 1798.

SECT. 2. Whenever a Charter is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said Charter to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, duty, and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter, of the admission of all candidates or members, and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually The Charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

- SECT. 4. No person, having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have produced a certificate from a Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended.
- SECT. 5. That any worthy Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them), to the end that they may be healed, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.
- SECT. 6. That the Subordinate Chapter so conferring said degree shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.
- SECT. 7. It shall not be deemed regular for any Chapter to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State in which there is a Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

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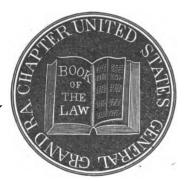
Section 1. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand Officers or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, they shall, severally, have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or

Past High Priest, or the High Priest of the same Chapter while it was under Dispensation, when he himself shall have been installed, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SECT. 2. The officers of every Chapter under this jurisdiction, whether Chartered or under Dispensation, before they enter upon the exercise of the respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, A. B., do promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

SECT. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular meeting receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.



In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the General Grand Chapter to be hereunto at-fixed.

Dated at the City of Cincinnati, this 1st day of November, 1865, and the year of the Order 2395.

JOHN D. CALDWELL, General Grand Sec'y.

## Address of Grand Officers.

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